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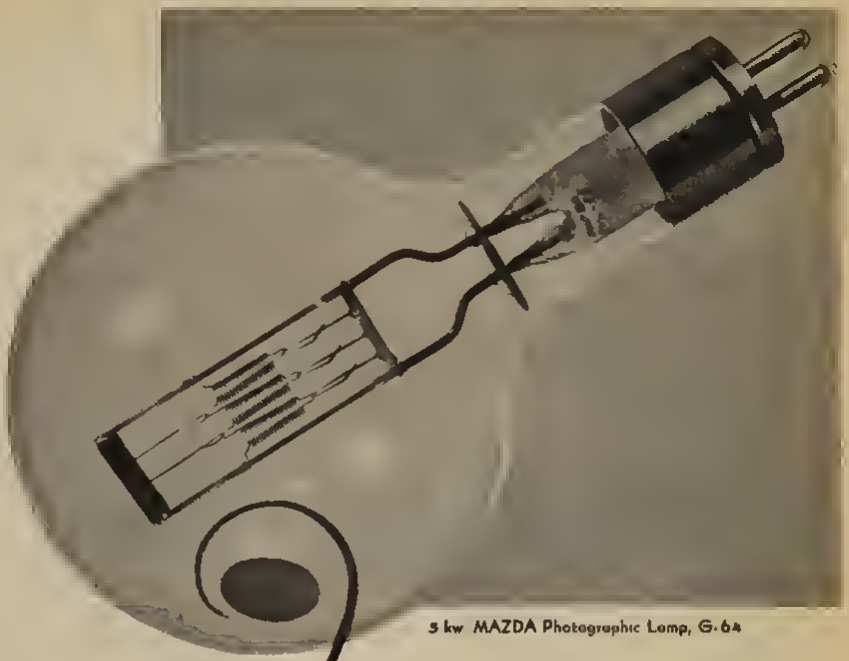

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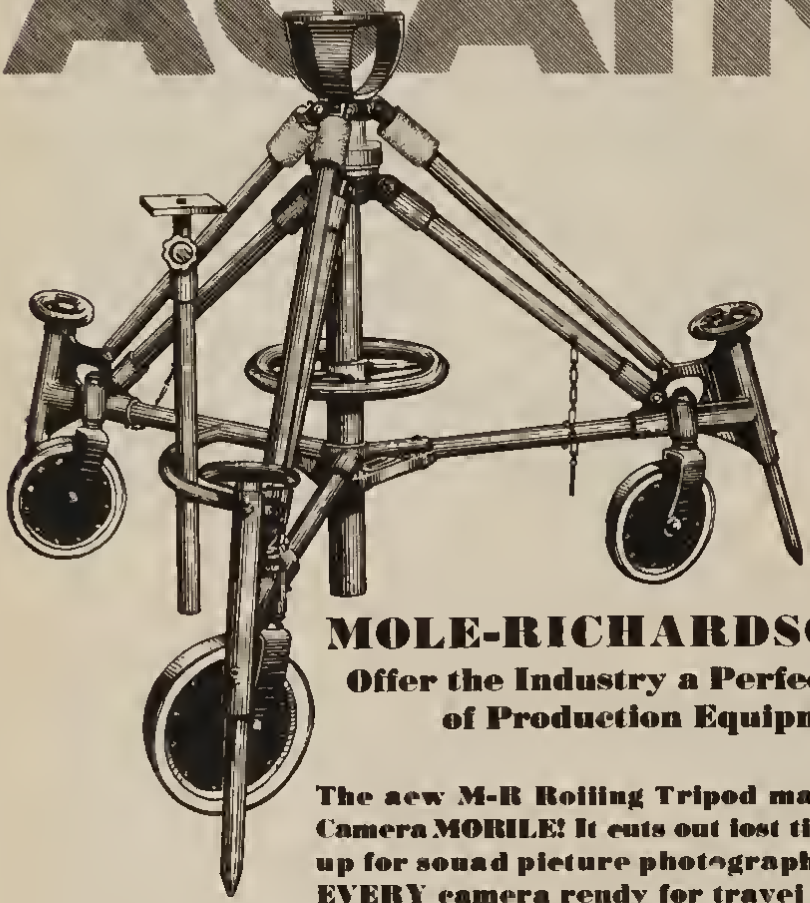

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CRANKING FOR UNCLE SAM

Even Grasshoppers are Temperamental When a Camera Looks Their Way.

By Raymond Evans

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Chief Office of Motion Pictures

ONE might fancy that the life of the cameraman working for Uncle Sam in the Department of Agriculture is prosaic and monotonous, not to say bovine as compared with the eventful and sometimes hectic life of the cameraman of Hollywood. As to whether that life is prosaic is a matter of personal taste—there is no arguing with the man who would rather get a closeup of a corn borer parasite stabbing his victim than one of Corinne Griffith or Greta Garbo—but no one can successfully maintain that the life of the Department cameraman is monotonous The subject matter of our pictures ranges from milch cows to microbes and from dusting cotton with airplanes to the travels of a banded duck Whatever may be said of our work it never runs in a groove No two jobs that we undertake are ever near enough alike to make the second one uninteresting, and many of them raise problems that we have never had to face before If variety is the spice of the cameraman's life, then the life of the Department of Agriculture cameraman is all shot through with paprika

The Author in his Laboratory at Washington, D. C.

Sometimes, too, the length to which our boys must go in solving specific problems in cinematography are not only highly interesting, but, to the bystander more or less amusing. The director, who- in many instances becomes merely a bystander while the cameraman wrestles or perhaps grovels in a catch-as-catch-can battle with some knotty problem in scientific cinematography doubtless sees more humor in these struggles than do the boys themselves Take, for example, Eugene Tucker's heroic, and (eventually) highly successful efforts to get a close-up of a lady grasshopper ovapositing (A grasshopper, you must understand entomologically speaking, does not lay' like a hen.)

We had scoured a large part of the exceptionally large and open-faced state of Montana, and down into the northern part of Wyoming looking for grasshoppers ovapositing, and finally at Cody, through the county agricultural agent we learned that grasshoppers were laying on Irma Flat We hastened to Irma Flat The grasshoppers were laying" all right—millions of them but I was rather at a loss as to what to do about it A Grasshopper ovapositing from the lowest position obtainable with a tripod, is foreshortened till she is notbing but two eyes and a pair of knees

The jocular expression "knee high to a grasshopper" has always been accepted as a hyperbole Even in my earliest boyhood I never really believed that anyone could get down that low But I saw Tuck do it and the memory of the spectacle will always be precious to me

Figure to yourself a lanky North Carolinean, rather better than six feet in height kneeling on the sun-baked soil of a ditch bank with his cheek ground into the earth in an earnest effort to screw his eye up to the aperture of a dismounted Bell & Howell Imagine too an equally earnest female grasshopper,

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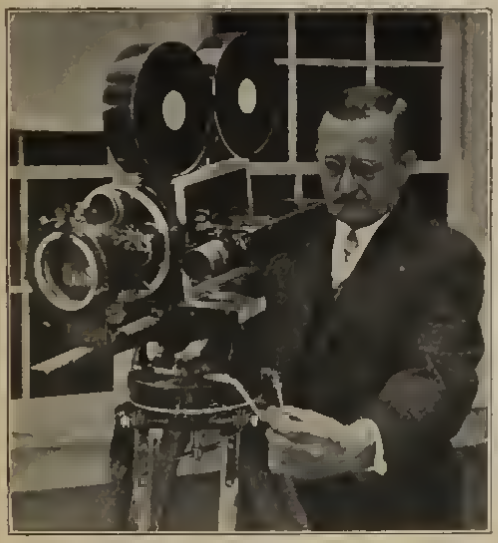

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SOUND REPRODUCTION IMPROVING

Survey of Theatres Shows 84 Per Cent Giving Their Patrons "Good" Reproduction

By WALTER F. EBERHARDT

SPEAKING from observations based upon frequent trips of inspection to Western Electric equipped houses in every part of the country, H M Wilcox, Operating Manager of Electrical Research Products, recently made the statement that sound reproduction in 84 percent of the theatres he visited was now Good

He declared this to be a distinct improvement Up until the end of 1929 only 80 percent of these reports showed theatre reproduction Good while as recently as the middle of last summer reproduction was satisfactory in less than 75 percent of the houses

The changed conditions Mr Wilcox ascribes to constant supervision and increased interest and attention on the part of theatre managers and operators Such steadily growing improvement in the quality of theatre reproduction is the best possible guarantee of the future prosperity and popularity of talking pictures Not merely the entertainment but the standard of quality that accompanies its presentation is a determining factor in whether patrons will continue to pay for talking picture entertainment—not merely because of the novelty that attracted them in the first place—but because of sheer superiority against the competition of other forms of entertainment

To maintain this superiority it is recognized that other factors than the customary ones of star story direction or camera work enter into the result The recognition came slowly Eventually a comparison of receipts between wired and unwired houses, and between houses where there was good reproduction and those where the reproduction was inadequate brought home the realization that there was a definite relation between the box office and between the quality of recording and reproduction

Those who made a conscientious study of the new art of talking picture before they became a commercial reality realized that they could endure not as a novelty but only if they provided quality of entertainment As a result one may point out some of the precautions taken by the Western Electric Company and Electrical Research Products in trying to assure the highest quality of recording and reproduction at all times

Behind this sound system are the Bell Telephone Laboratories the largest laboratories in the world devoted to voice transmission, constantly experimenting and developing improvements These laboratories have an appropriation in excess of a million dollars every year to be devoted exclusively to sound picture development More than 753 service men on the staff of Electrical Research Products make regular inspection of the equipment in the Western Electric wired houses In one month they may cover more than 400 000 miles They are ready at any time and on a moment s notice to respond to a theatre s emergency call by motor rail or airplane The important point of their work however is that it is mostly precautionary They operate on the principle that the best way to cure trouble is to forestall it More than 93 percent of their calls are routine calls Less than 7 percent are necessitated by any kind of trouble

The result of constant supervision and intelligent handling by theatre operators shows Out of more than 90 000 performances given weekly over this kind of equipment in the theatres of the United States, less than one-tenth of one percent of program interruptions occurred And of this small percentage only a fraction involved any serious breakdown

The policy of forestalling trouble was carried even beyond supervision Questions of architecture, construction and the acoustics involved were studied on the belief that the best way to avoid bad reproduction was—wherever possible—to forestall the conditions, outside of equipment, that might be responsible for it For the first time recognition was given to the fact that acoustics in the theatre might have a bearing upon the quality of reproduction Electrical Research Products established a department under S K Wolf to study theatre acoustics It worked for six months without a word of publicity until it had something constructive to offer

During that time it not only made a study of the acoustics of more than 500 theatres but also established its own laboratory in a theatre in Brooklyn where it could experiment As a result of those studies this department is now able to offer definite suggestions to theatre owners who have wired or are planning to wire houses It can co-operate from the very beginning It can consult with the architect in suggesting theatre designs that best lend themselves to good reproduction It can place its data at the services of the contractor as to the kind of material for theatre construction best adapted to good acoustics It can offer suggestions to the exhibitor as to the best furnishings with regard to acoustic qualities

This department has accumulated files of every kind of theatre building and furnishing material It has absolutely no affiliations with any company supplying such materials consequently its advice is tempered only by the exhibitors best interests And it offers this advice whenever it is called upon not only for new theatres but also for existing houses that were built long before the question of talking pictures or acoustics meant anything It suggests as far as possible changes that will improve reproducing conditions in the house The calls are growing upon this department and indicate a healthy interest on the part of theatre owners in good reproduction and a realization of what it means to the theatre's financial condition

The three factors—equipment resources supervision and acoustic advice—are an indication of the trend They indicate an interest that assures the lasting future of the talking picture

Eastman Opens Special Plant For Hypersensitizing Work

A NEW Hollywood laboratory especially equipped for hypersensitizing motion picture film has been completed by the Eastman Kodak Co The new plant is directly in the rear of the Eastman Research Laboratory at 6706 Santa Monica Boulevard

This plant was built for the hypersensitizing of negative in connection with color process Officials of the organization do not generally recommend the hypersensitizing of film for ordinary black and white photography but explain that it can be used advantageously for special effects such as moonlight night scenes etc

In this same new plant the processing of the 16 mm film and the Kodacolor processing for Southern California will be handled

Form New York S. M. P. E.

A NEW YORK Section of the Society of Motion Picture Engineers was formed at a recent meeting of more than 150 Eastern members of the society

At the meeting the following officers were elected M W Palmer Chairman T E Shea and M C Batsel Managers and D Hyndman Secretary-Treasurer

The geographical boundaries of the New York Section were defined by the Board of Governors as an area enclosed within a circle having a radius of 50 miles from Times Square

With the formation of the New York Section it will be possible for the Eastern Members to become better acquainted with each other and the work of the society At the organization meeting Dr Walter Pitkin of the School of Journalism Columbia University delivered an address on "The Psychology of the Sound Picture drawing attention to the many shortcomings of the present methods of sound reproduction particularly with respect to the reproduction of noises President I I Crabtree acted as temporary chairman of the meeting

LICHT, ACHTUNG, KURBEL—HALT!

Motion Picture Production in Germany

By A. K. Wittmer

A SET in a studio Five retakes Directors up in the air The last shot excellent everything lovely—but—on the floor lies a beautiful splash of morning sunlight—but none enters at the windows Someone forgot to turn on the sun Bur from where does the sunlight on the floor come? From a paint pot! So the sun goes on and so does the picture Such things can happen in German studios

The largest and best known of the German studios are the Ufa in Tempelhof, the Jofa having studios in a zeppelin hangar at Staaken both near Berlin and the EFA in the heart of the city To these we must add two sound film studios The 'Tobis' in Lankwitz and the Bolten Backers Studios' Berlin Last summer the new 'Ufa' sound studio was in construction and is finished by now It is one of the most complete studios for sound production

The layout of the German studios is very simple, but practical Several large buildings side by side, holding two or three sets each or one building with space enough for six or seven sets are the most common The studio buildings are really large dark rooms No windows of any kind are provided and all daylight is excluded The studios are well ventilated by large light proof airshafts Doors on one side allow heavy trucks to enter and reach almost any place in the studio The offices, dressing rooms store rooms, and recreation rooms are built around the studio Small compartments in remote corners inside the studios are fitted up as darkrooms for the cameramen These darkrooms are generally devoid of air and have unsafe safe-lights that give no light

Overhead lights are handled from a grid under the roof and by this arrangement, it is possible to illuminate every corner in the studio Large parallels are built around the sets to carry the spotlights and modeling lights These parallels cause much grief in changing the set for special effects

Building materials for the sets are mostly laminated wood canvas paper and plaster of paris To cut down expense in building most of the sets are rebuilt and only additional parts added as required by the script After use the old sets O K'd by the production manager are numbered dismantled and kept in the 'jundusraum" for future use The jundusraum is a sort of glory hole in which is nearly everything needed in building or reconstructing sets Flats parallels stairs of all sizes are available Doors and windows futuristic to early Roman are always in stock Pillars and fireplaces of press-board can be used in new sets on short notice with the aid of plaster and the air brush Old sets go through a mechanical metamorphosis and emerge butterfly like as new creations

According to German producers this jundusraum saves the industry a tremendous sum A set of similar dimensions and character built in the States will be six to eight times more expensive than one so constructed in Germany

Let us see how a set is built The director having read the script makes a rough outline of the set required for a certain scene Sketches and blue prints are made by the designer and after approval by the director are sent to the head carpenter He goes over the stock in the jundusraum and considers what existing sets doors windows and props can be redesigned for this purpose with minimum cost This material is brought over to the stage A plan of the set is marked with chalk on the floor The flats are joined together on the floor and openings are left for doors and windows The flats are held on the frames with C clamps and stiffened with cross bars The whole wall is then erected and braced The doors windows fireplaces and stairways are then built in While this is going on new equipment which is necessary is being built in the work shops and is ready when needed

At this stage the set is ready for the paper hanger The walls are covered with canvas cloth then with wall paper which is mostly of a light oatmeal color The floor is then laid and the set is ready for the decorator and property man The set is furnished and some lighting effects painted on the floor with the air brush These effects are somewhat unconvincing when called on to show additional shadows

Big parallels and bridges by this time are built behind the set for the modeling lights The cameraman and director cuss and discuss the lighting and camera effects Cameramen are the same the world over Then the lights are hauled up to the bridge causing scratches on the wall and friction with the paper hanger

Most of the studios are very well equipped with lights, and they all work. For general illumination arc lights are used throughout the studios. Only lately incandescents have come into use, with the advent of sound work A wide choice in arc lights is open to the cameraman and he prefers them to incandescents Broadsides having two to twenty-two flames are used for floor lamps employing white flame carbons for the most part These lights are strongly built but at the same time have great flexibility and can be easily shifted to any position

Arcs up to 170 amperes are used for overhead lights These lamps are easy to handle from the grid and give a very intense light A special construction secures steady burning and so eliminates flickering shadows Twenty-five ampere lights are in general use for overhead lights The outstanding make for this purpose is the Jupiter Goliath light which can be operated with one pair of carbons without retrimming for seven and a half hours.

Spotlights are not so much used on the sets but each studio has a variety at hand For modeling the sun arc is most in demand These are large lights with a mirror reflector for producing an intense beam of about 15 degrees in angle The illumination is practically the same as that from a spotlight The diameter of these lights is from twenty-five to one hundred cm., and the current ranges from thirty to three hundred amperes

In sound studios incandescent light is used exclusively, and many types are now on the German market The Jupiter, Efa, Weinert and Agelindus works are improving their equipment steadily Everything from broadside up to the largest sun effect can be had from incandescent lamps Broadsides are made from two to thirty 500 watt lamps A new lamp is made by Jupiter having four reflectors which form a square with an opening in the center By this means the cameraman is enabled to photograph a close up through the square The same company puts out a spotlight with a special optical system A spot free of any shadow is produced with this outfit A mirror is used to intensify the beam and the lamp socket can be adjusted in all directions It is likely that the optical system is of the condenser and relay lens type As a light source a 1500 3000 watt projection lamp is used

A combination of Cooper Hewitts and incandescents is manufactured by the Westinghouse Cooper Hewitt G M B H (Germany) On two reflectors eight bulbs are mounted and between them are mercury tubes Each unit is controlled by a separate switch hence the light quality can be varied greatly by turning off the undesired units

Cameras used in production are mostly of the Debrie type Only a few American cameras are on the sets The Askania' a German made camera is generally favored by the cameraman The housing of this camera is made of duraluminum with roller bearings throughout the mechanism A 160 degree shutter is used which has both automatic and hand dissolve There is a roller pressure gate with an opening for focussing An optical finder giving six to eight times magnification is built in by means of which the image on the film can be viewed during exposure

A lens turret for four quickly interchangeable lenses is supplied as an extra Each cameraman has a collection of about four to six lenses 35 to 100 mm in focal length For general work the 50 mm lens is preferred The f 3 5 Zeiss and Goertz lenses are representatives For close-ups the 75 and 100 mm lenses diffused with a disc (Eastman) or gauze are used The cameramen seldom has a soft focus or portrait lens The reason for this is the near-poverty prevailing among cameramen Many cameramen produce excellent results with only two lenses

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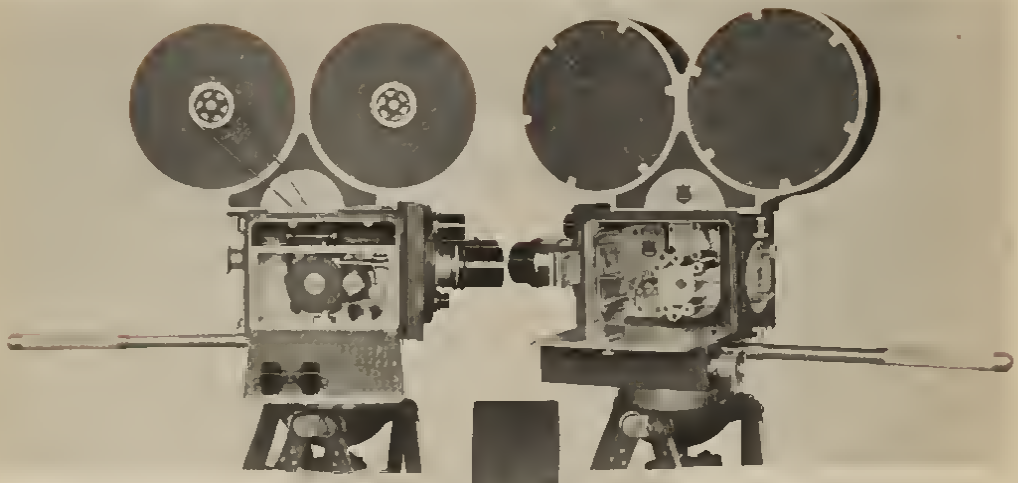


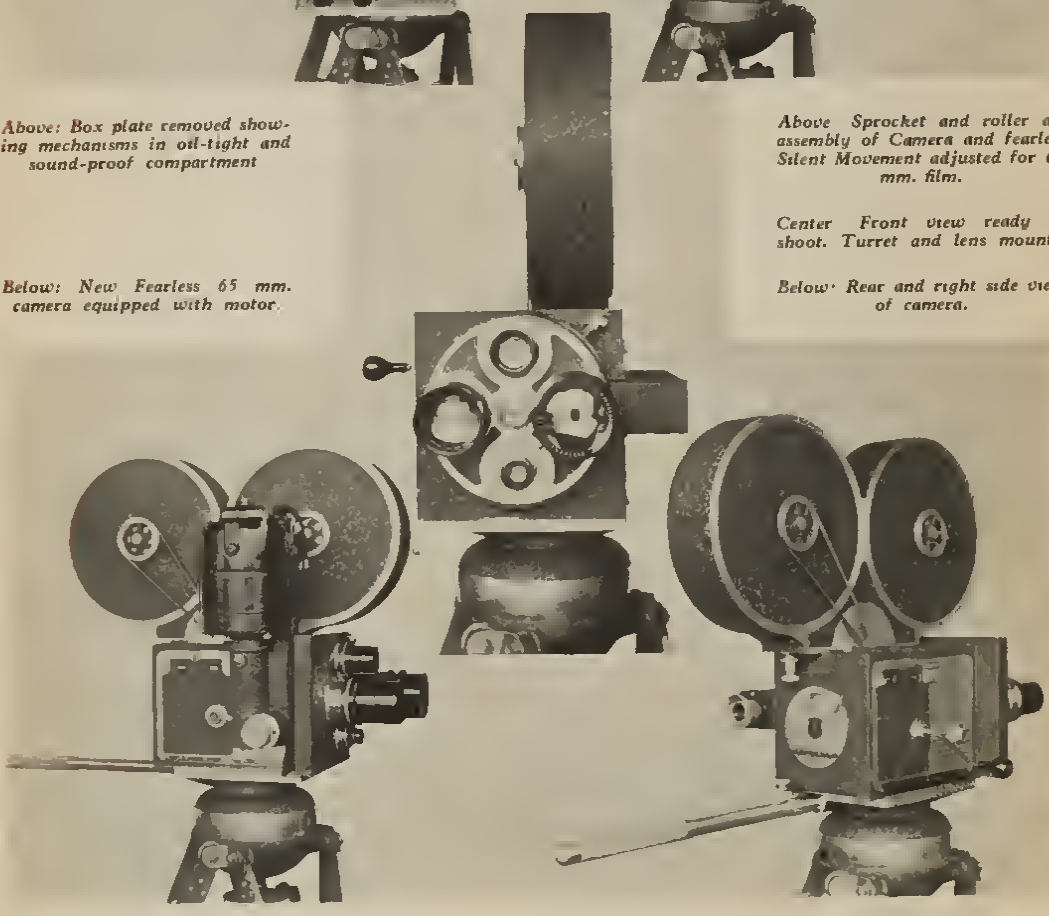
Above: Box plate removed showing mechanisms in oil-tight and sound-proof compartment

Above Sprocket and roller assembly of Camera and fearless Silent Movement adjusted for 65 mm. film.

Center Front view ready to shoot. Turret and lens mounts.

Below: New Fearless 65 mm. camera equipped with motor.

Below· Rear and right side view of camera.



FEARLESS CAMERA COMPANY PRESENTS SILENT SUPER-FILM CAMERA

New Camera Designed for 65 Millimeter or 35 Millimeter Standard Film. Also for Color.

By HAL HALL

ONE OF the outstanding events in Hollywood technical circles in a year of revolutionary innovations is the completion by the Fearless Camera Company of a new silent, high-speed camera designed for 65 millimeter film but which, in ten to twenty minutes times may be turned into a standard 35 millimeter camera.

The presentation of this camera to the trade marks still another change in film width conditions. For months the air has been filled with talk of wide film. No standard width has been settled upon and the Society of Motion Picture Engineers has been struggling with the problem, as well as many producing organizations. Then came Fox with its Grandeur, 70 millimeters, revealing stereoscopic depth.

Undoubtedly, there is to be a change in film width. Wider film is here to stay, if all indications mean anything. All producers are and have been eagerly watching the various developments along this line. While wide film is apparently to be the rule eventually, the producers realize that such a change will take time, and that 35 millimeter pictures must continue in the meanwhile.

This condition has placed producers and cameramen in a peculiar situation. If new camera equipment is purchased of standard 35 millimeter size, the cameraman or producer wonders just how long this will be of use. On the other hand, the purchase of a wide film camera is a move which calls for serious consideration and hesitancy.

Now Ralph Gordon Fear president of the Fearless Camera Company, believes he has solved at least part of the problem by producing a camera that can be used to shoot on either 65 millimeter or standard 35 millimeter film. In selecting 65 millimeters as the width for the 'wide film', Fear declares this to be the ideal width.

Other outstanding features of his new camera claimed by Fear include arrangements whereby the camera may be changed by the changing of movements and sprocket assemblies so it can be used for either 62 or 70 millimeter film. Also the camera is designed to be used without any sound proof covering or booth and according to Fear, is designed for use in using the Multicolor process of producing pictures in natural colors.

Fear, who is well known in the motion picture technical circles, has been engaged in technical work for the past ten years, and has followed the problems of sound and wide film closely with the idea of bringing out a camera that would be both silent and readily convertible for use in photographing on any sized film.

In his own words he describes the new camera and its features as follows:

"The new camera is built first to be silent so that it can be used in the open without any sound proof covering for all ordinary shots, second, to use the new 65 mm. super-film, third, so that it can be readily converted to the special 62 and 70 mm film which some of the producers are experimenting with, fourth, for taking colored pictures in the camera without any alteration, fifth, for recording sound directly in the camera if so desired, and lastly and most important, 35 mm. film can be used in it also.

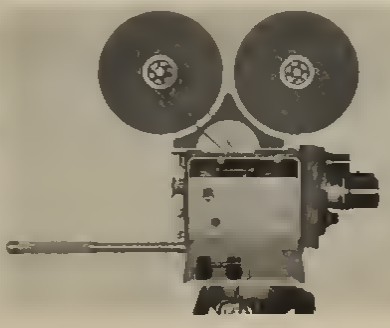
"As two large film manufacturers are now in a position to furnish the 65 mm. super-film to the producer, the difficulty of obtaining film has been eliminated and for this reason the 65 mm. standard has been adapted for the new camera.

"From the cameraman's point of view the most interesting feature of the Fearless camera is the feature of being able to use the camera for either 35 mm or wide film. The camera is normally built for the standard 65 mm super-film. A special movement for 35 mm film has been developed, and this movement is interchangeable with the 65 mm movement. Two interchangable sprocket and roller assemblies have been developed. One is for 65 mm super-film and the other for 35 mm film. So by merely removing one movement and sprocket assembly and substituting the other, the camera can be used for either size film. This feature applies to any other size film as special movements and sprocket assemblies can be furnished for any size film up to 70 mm. The change over from one size film to the other can be made in less than ten minutes.

"When the Fearless camera is purchased for 65 mm super-film or for special size wide film the accompanying magazines are designed so that 35 mm film can also be used in them. This is accomplished by providing the film rollers with a relief so that the 35 mm film is properly guided into the magazine and by furnishing special take up spools for the narrow film. These spools hold the film central in the magazine and prevent it from creeping to one side or the other. In fact they practically act as a film reel.

"Standard 35 mm magazines can also be used on the camera when using 35 mm film thus making it possible to use some of the equipment that the producer now has. This is accomplished by making a special adapter which fastens on top of the camera. This adapter partially covers the hole for the large size film and excludes all light from the inside of the camera when using the 35 mm magazines. With the adapter in place standard 35 mm magazines can be used.

"Inasmuch as this feature of interchangeability is one of the biggest features of the Fearless camera, extreme pains have been taken to secure patent protection on this feature and thus prevent infringement. Separate patent applications have been made on the construction of the magazine with the relieved rollers for



Right side of new camera showing oil tank and footage meter.

handling 35 mm film, on the adapter for attaching 35 mm standard magazines to a wide film camera, on a narrow magazine with a wide base attached to a wide film camera, and on a movement adapter for properly locating a movement designed for a narrow film camera in a wide film camera These patent applications preclude the possibility of any other manufacturer building a similar camera in which both wide film and 35 mm standard film can be used

"Other features furnished as standard equipment in the new Fearless camera include a quick focusing device full force feed lubrication to all major driven parts all driving parts being inclosed, and running in an oil bath and two built-in footage counters As special equipment the camera can be furnished with a built-in speedometer, a built-in three-speed high-speed gear box and a built-in sound recording mechanism

'To elaborate on the method of focusing the photographic lens—The camera is built with a sliding turret and lens carrier on the front of the camera box This lens carrier is mounted in dove tails and constructed so that it may be shifted across the front of the camera box to a point where the photographic lens is in front of the ground glass of the focusing tube The lens carrier is made so that the light shade is mounted to it and instead of having to shift the camera magazine, motors cables etc only the light weight lens system and light box is shifted

'The actual shifting is accomplished by merely pressing down a knob and moving a lever from one side of the camera to the other This focusing operation is performed so quickly that it has been a revelation to all who have seen it Suitable stops prevent over travel and suitable locks are provided to hold the lens carrier either in the focusing position or in the photographic position The image is viewed with a conventional finder or focusing magnifier which is supplied for either five or ten power The focusing telescope is of the simple astronomical type and re-inverts the inverted image formed by the lens on the ground glass, thus bringing the viewed image right side up and right side to

"The Fearless camera can be furnished with built in auxiliary recording aperture at the proper distance from the photographic aperture and sprocket for recording sound directly in the camera The auxiliary sprocket for pulling the film past the sound recording aperture is driven by a mechanism designed to absorb vibration so that the sound recorded is free from the so-called wow-wows caused by irregularity of film speed by the sound aperture This feature of built in sound recording makes it possible for the producer to make sound pictures at once without having to wait for new recording apparatus for the new size film The design is adaptable to almost any type of light valve or glow lamp type of recording

'A standard Fearless Silent movement of enlarged size is used to feed the film intermittantly past the aperture Two claw pins are used on each side of the film to pull the film down and pilot pins are used to lock the film during the exposure This movement is extremely easy to thread and due to simplicity of design and accuracy of workmanship is so silent that only by placing the ear against the frame of the movement can any sound be heard while in operation

The camera has been designed for silence and extreme pains have been taken in the design and construction to eliminate noise where ever possible The camera can be used in the open for all ordinary shots without any sound proof covering This has been accomplished by using fibre gears to transmit the power precision bearing for the driving shafts and by inclosing all moving mechanism outside of the movement and sprocket assembly in an oil tight and sound proof compartment which serves as an oil reservoir An oil pump within this compartment pumps oil to all bearings and moving parts therein This circulating oil deadens any noise developed by the mechanism The oil level may be viewed through a window built into a plate that covers the mechanism compartment Sufficient oil is placed into the compartment to last for several months All high grade automobiles use pressure feed lubrication but this is the first time it has ever been applied to a motion picture camera

'The motor drives directly into an extension of the movement cam shaft and thus transmits the motor power directly to the most highly stressed part of the camera and eliminates a great deal of noise caused from gears The motor itself absorbs any vibration caused by the intermittant movement

"Silent bakelite gears are used to drive the sprockets and shutter shaft A large heavy shutter of the two opening type running at a speed one half of the intermittant mechanism is used for a fly wheel This heavy revolving shutter also absorbs any noise that might be transmitted to the front of the camera Where ever possible instrument type precision anular ball bearings have been used to reduce friction and to insure long life to the camera Two footage counters of the Veeder type are built into the camera, one being used for total footage shot and the other being used for individual takes

'Provision is made for attaching to a standard Fearless tripod The tripod being equipped with a stud which can be turned by suitable gears and which engages with a bronze nut inserted in the camera case. The camera crank is used to actually deliver power to the stud to screw the camera to the tripod

It is impossible" says Fear, 'to adequately describe this camera, but some idea of the thought placed in its design can be gained by reading over the list of features, on all of which patents have been applied for to prevent infringement Following is a list of patents which have been either applied for or granted

1 Quick shift with lever action
2 Quick shift with gear and twisting handles
3 Automatic Dissolve
4 Built in three speed gear box for Hi-speed work
5 Built in automatic belt tightener (two applications)
6 Built-in motor circuit breaker
7 Built-in force feed lubrication system with pump
8 Adapter for adapting 35 mm film movements to wide film cameras
9 Dual Sprocket for 35 mm film and wide film
10 Magazine adapter for using standard 35 mm film magazines on wide film cameras
11 Automatic trip for motor control
12 Non-reversible drive for camera or motor
13 High speed silent movement
14 High speed 35 mm silent movement with extra wide aperture plate for fitting wide film cameras
15 Film sound recording aperture and auxiliary sprocket drive
16 Quick threading pin for locating film properly in movement
17 Removable prism for focusing directly on the film through the intermittant movement for precision work'

The new Fearless Magazine is being announced along with the new Fearless Super-Film Camera More than eighteen months time was spent in experimenting research and patent investigation says Fear before we had developed a magazine that we felt would be superior to any now on the market

'A camera magazine at first thought continues Fear appears to present no problems but with a little thought any cameraman will realize that thousands of feet of film have been spoiled by the magazine Scratches are one of their worst faults Practically all buckles in a camera are caused by improperly constructed magazines Most magazines are extremely hard to thread, and it is almost impossible to keep them clean and in every case it takes a great amount of labor to dismantle the magazine to remove rollers light trap etc and all magazines now on the market are somewhat noisy

Realizing all the above defects the Fearless Camera Company have brought out a new type magazine which eradicates these troubles The new magazines were designed primarily for silence, serviceability durability and reliability and are extremely easy to load

The main magazine casting carries the take-up rollers and spools This assembly is carried on imported instrument type anular ball bearings The spool will turn thirty to forty revolutions even when loaded with a thousand feet of film if it is twisted quickly by hand In fact the film moves so freely that one hardly believes there is film in the magazine

'Film is fed from the carrier spool thru a free opening light trap which is clearly illustrated in the accompanying photographs The light is trapped by two rollers which are also mounted on precision instrument type ball bearings and by a velvet lining in the throat of the magazine The rollers are made from Duralumin and the roller shafts from steel As will be noticed from the photographs the light trap is removable from the magazine Six screws in the bottom of the magazine hold it in place in the main casting These may be removed in a few seconds time and the entire light trap removed The light trap assembly can be quickly taken apart by removing four screws from the side of the casting In fact the light trap can be removed completely dismantled cleaned and re assembled in less than ten minutes time

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SOUND PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION

A Sound Engineer Explains the Man-Power Necessary for Sound Picture Making

By Carl Dreher

This interesting paper is reprinted from the Technical Digest of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Mr Dreher is director of the Sound Department R K O Studios THE EDITOR

WITH the advent of sound in the motion picture industry, some peculiar problems of employment and organization arose An intricate and highly evolved business had to assimilate, in the space of a year or two, a large body of technicians from another field, train them in its methods and in turn modify its own technique to meet new and exacting requirements The speed with which the amalgamation was accomplished speaks well for the adaptability of both the film group and the majority of the newcomers The problems which arose overshadowed at the time by questions of major technical and economic importance, are still of sufficient interest to justify some consideration in the present course, especially as their complete solution lies in the future

Since the moving picture background is familiar to most readers of this paper, it is unnecessary to discuss it here The history of sound recording and reproduction is in many respects analogous with the addition of an important factor, the electrical technique based largely on the vacuum tube and its associated circuits The early phonograph art resembled motion pictures in the fusion of esthetic and mechanical elements In each case the artist has to reach the public through a machine Early attempts to combine the two processes failed largely because the sound reproducing elements were still too imperfect In the meantime the radio art had started on its development For a time during the first two decades of the century radio was purely a business of telegraph signalling without wires The potentialities of the vacuum tube as an amplifier and generator of currents of almost any frequency promoted the spread of radio technique into the wire telephone art the phonograph industry, and the amusement business

These developments have a bearing on the sources of sound picture personnel Many of the sound technicians now in the picture business began their careers as wireless operators or engineers The early history of radio showed the usual characteristics of instability and financial turbulence of any new industry The men who chose it for a career were as a consequence young adventurous, and more adaptable than the average When broadcasting became an adolescent member of the family of radio industries, a certain percentage of these men chose the path away from electrical communication into a business with theatrical elements and immediate contact with the amusement-seeking public In the meantime technicians from the radio and telephone industries finding positions in phonograph recording organizations when that field turned to electrical methods, likewise became available for work in sound pictures As a third major source of supply the laboratories of the electrical and telephone companies produced their quota of engineers who were more or less fitted for the special requirements of sound picture production In addition to these groups there were men already in the picture field who had qualifications for sound work

Importing Personnel

This brings up the first of a number of arguable points In the building up of an effective sound department, to what extent was it advisable to go outside of the motion picture industry for personnel? Had the adoption of sound been a gradual process it might have been necessary to import personnel to the extent of only a half, say, of the total number of people required Because competitive conditions, and the inherent nature of the business required an extremely rapid consolidation, it is estimated that eighty per cent of the sound men were taken from the outside The majority of sound executives in Hollywood appear to feel that this ratio is somewhat high and that the best results at the present juncture may be secured by mixing about two thirds of what may be loosely called radio personnel with one third film personnel. There are, however, extreme views on either side of this compromise One prominent sound head expressed the opinion that the personnel of the department should be secured entirely from outside sources such as engineering schools telephone radio, and electrical laboratories, broadcasting stations radio receiver factories public address installations phonograph recording studios etc Another executive recruited his entire sound personnel from the employees already on the lot training them with the aid of engineers provided by the licensor of the recording equipment He concedes that this course involved considerable delay in getting the department under way, but believes there will be compensations later Since both of these companies are successfully producing sound pictures the conclusion apparently is that a sound department, like most other enterprises may be run on different theories, as long as there is some internal consistency in the carrying out of whatever scheme is selected and certain general prerequisites of organization are not neglected

We may now consider in some detail the organization of a sound department and the functions of the various employees, shown in more or less typical schematic arrangements of Fig 1 This is intended to apply to a lot which confines itself to recording on film using mobile equipment which may be moved *physically* from one stage to another, so that all the apparatus is on or near the stage or location This is in contradistinction to the system whereby the main amplifiers and the recording machines are centrally located and connected electrically to various pick up points movement from stage to stage where required being accomplished *electrically* (See Fig 2) Both systems are in extensive use and each presents certain advantages but the

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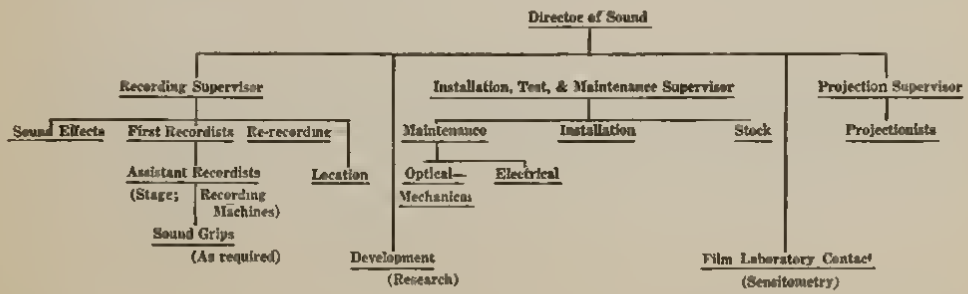

FIGURE 1

Studio using portable equipment Film Recording only

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

Our Contemporaries

LIKE a fireman who spends his day off at the fire station this writer spends much of his spare time reading the other cinematographic and photographic magazines and if you will pardon the personal pronoun, I get a tremendous amount of genuine pleasure, to say nothing of instruction, from said reading

So you may well imagine the added pleasure that came my way when I picked up the March issue of *The Camera* and found a reprint from the *American Cinematographer* of William Stull's article on Multicolor therein But the most pleasure came from the sincere and genuine manner in which the editor of *The Camera* spoke of the *American Cinematographer* and Mr Stull There are so many editors and publishers who seem to feel that to say something nice about another publication is next door to treason It is refreshing and stimulating to find those who believe there is room for another publication in addition to their own, and who exhibit a feeling of friendship

After all, no one magazine can contain all the wisdom or news of the world I like to sit down in the evening when the old pipe has been filled and read *The Camera*, *Camera Craft*, *Photo Era*, *Movie Makers* and other magazines dealing with the pictorial art There is in these magazines a certain something that takes you out of the ordinary rut and makes you forget the unpleasant sordidness that so often oppresses and takes you out into the fields where flowers bloom and birds sing and work is play It is this editor's hope that every reader of the *Cinematographer* reads the others

Talkie Directors

WHEN talkies first made their appearance there was no small amount of concern felt among many of the old-line directors of silent pictures and quite naturally They had built a technique that was of high type, but could that technique be so remolded as to fit in the talking picture scheme? That was the problem they had to face

Predictions were made freely to the effect that the old directors of silent pictures would have to step down and out in favor of a new type of director who would be a product of the stage However today finds the majority of pictures being made by the men who learned the business in the silent school and they are turning out in some cases very excellent product These directors are proving that they are men of real brains and ability and have won the respect and admiration of those close to the picture profession Of course, there have been a few importations from the stage but only a very few After all it seems that it is easier for a man with a knowledge of the picture technique to adapt himself to sound and dialogue than it is for a man who knows nothing of the pictures to adapt himself to the technique of the screen No doubt there will be more directors from the stage but we venture to predict that the men with silent experience will hold the top hand for quite a few more years

Song Hits

WITH the song writers turning to Hollywood and the talkies, we see a tremendous change in the popular music field Whereas only a short time ago most of the popular song hits came from Broadway and the musical comedy stage, today we find the majority of the popular hits coming from the movies

And what a publicity God-send is this matter of popular songs to the picture men! A song "clicks," is played on thousands of records in thousands of homes is sung and played over the radio broadcasting stations, and the name of the picture naturally is broadcast with the song This is worth millions to the picture companies and they should take advantage of it by giving the public the best possible Let us hope that the executives will turn thumbs down on any more of those "boop-de-boop" abortions and give us some music

Salaries

INDICATIONS at present point to a concerted effort on the part of the motion picture producers to bring down the high salaries that have been prevalent among actors of the former silent drama.

This writer may be barking up the wrong tree but he is willing to bet a modest sum that the next two years will see the passing of the five-thousand-a-week salaried stars While there has been no blatant announcements to that effect, a lot of the companies have not been renewing the contracts of their high-priced stars Instead, the picture companies are gradually replacing these people with stage players and young and promising players of the screen who gladly take the lead in a picture for anywhere between five hundred dollars a week to one thousand dollars

Talkies and the influence of the stage are responsible for this change in salaries apparently A six-hundred-dollar-a-week salary has always been considered a very nice piece of change in stage circles, and producers apparently have been doing a lot of thinking along this line True such men as Tibbett are being given tremendous sums for their picture work but only by the picture and not on the old system of a five-year contract With production cost increased because of the added expense of sound, producers are trimming their corners in the acting ranks Let us hope that they take some of this savings and give it to the men of the technical side of picture making who at best have always been buried beneath the shadows of the players

Caution

THERE is a certain fascination about the motion picture business that has a greater drawing power than a circus parade For years movie-struck girls and boys and even old men and women have been making the long trip to Hollywood the land of their dreams believing that once here they will find the end of the rainbow and the pot of gold

Alas! Thousands of them have found only disappointment suffering hunger and abject misery and failure. Some came to act, others to write others for anything. However, all forget that this is a business that requires trained personnel, that there are already hundreds here waiting for the few crumbs There are more beauty contest prize winners working in Hollywood laundries and cafes than in any other town in the world

Not all who come are after jobs as actors Of late I have met a score or more of enthusiastic young men who have given up good jobs back home to come here and try to become cameramen Practically all they had to recommend them was enthusiasm What a pity! There are close to a thousand cameramen of varying classification in Hollywood today. What chance has a youth armed with nothing but ambition!

And now they are flocking here with the idea of becoming sound engineers Scarcely a day passes but what at least one finds his way to my office for advice 'Go back home and go to work' is what I tell most of them Just because some of them have built a four-tube radio set means nothing out here where millions of dollars are sometimes at stake on one picture. Carl Dreher's article elsewhere in this issue tells you that in round numbers, but a thousand sound experts are needed or used What chance has a novice I ask you!

Of course we have a wonderful climate here in Southern California There are beautiful palm trees golden oranges, magnificent flowers and a friendly sun which shines nearly every day of the year But you cannot eat palm trees flowers or sunshine You are forbidden to steal oranges and the nights are so comfortably chilly that a blanket is needed So, unless you have proven ability and a bank roll sufficient to keep you for a year my humble advice is to stay home and forget the glamour of making pictures After all even looking at the beautiful stars grows boresome —H H

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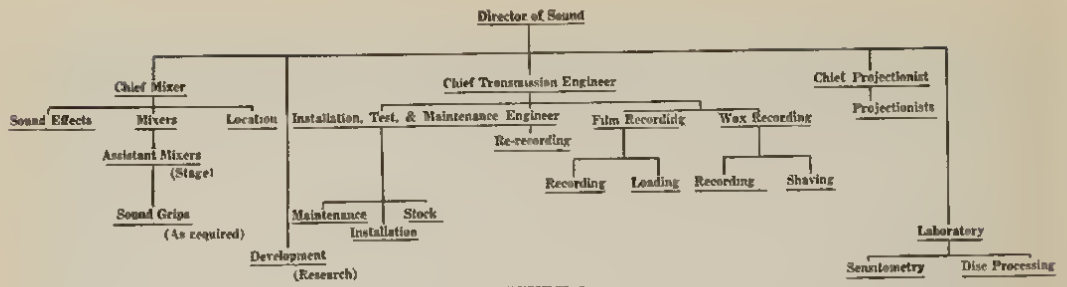

FIGURE 2

Studio using Centrally Installation Film and Disc Recording

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organization of the sound department is somewhat affected by the choice of one or the other method

Personality Counts

Another reservation with regard to the organization charts to be discussed is that any such scheme is a product of development personalities, economic factors and company policy as much as a logical arrangement of men and functions The greatest enemy of healthy business organization is the man who makes a fetish out of an organization diagram Those who have learned this by experience will readily understand that any such scheme is subject to numerous modifications in practice

Starting at the apex of Fig 1 we have a *Director of Sound*, who may also be known by some such title as *Chief Recording Engineer*. He is essentially a department executive in a position as much administrative as technical His responsibilities cover such functions as recording, installation test and maintenance of equipment, laboratory control in so far as sound track is involved, a certain amount of apparatus development work the extent varying with different studios and frequently pro jection In one company the same technical executive directs both the camera and sound departments The advantages of such a unification may bring about its wider application unless it should prove too difficult to find men willing and able to tackle the problems of both picture and sound recording.

Must Merit Confidence

Generally the sound director is an engineer by origin but the successful handling of this job calls for many qualities not always acquired in the course of an engineering career He cannot judge the ultimate value of his product unless he has a critical appreciation of quality in speech and music He must be able to translate technical verbiage into concise English since most of his contacts are with other technical branches or with non technical executives At the same time he should be familiar with the nomenclature and at least the fundamentals of technique in the branches of the business allied with his photography cutting etc He should have a wide acquaintance among the technical men in his field so that he will be in a position to add to his staff the best men the market affords at the price he can pay He must meet the indispensable administrative requirement of being a good judge of human nature and meriting the confidence of his men There is only one way to acquire and retain that confidence, which is the foundation of organization morale; subordinates must feel that while the head of the department will exact work and progress on the part of the staff commensurate with the constantly rising standards of the art he will also see to it that they get their share of the rewards of such progress, and that he will defend them resolutely against unjust attacks to which a technician in a rapidly developing art is peculiarly exposed

Recording is under the superintendence of a *Recording Supervisor*, whose subordinates carry on the actual work of transferring sound from air to film The recording supervisor requires essentially the same qualifications as the director of recording, within the scope at least, of operational problems He must exercise careful judgment in assigning personnel to the particular associate producers directors and leading players with whom they will be able to get along best The crew assigned to a given company usually consists of a *First Recordist** and two *Assistant Recordists*, one of whom is on the stage while the other operates the recording machine proper Fig 3 shows the usual layout of the equipment and positions of the personnel The microphones are shown on the stage whence the voice currents travel to the amplifier in a booth or sound truck then to the recording machine immediately adjacent If the machine is objectionably noisy the booth may contain a partition separating the recorder proper from the amplifier and its associated monitoring speaker The first recordist who is in charge of the unit, is stationed in the room with the amplifier, the gain of which he adjusts himself He also mixes the output of the microphones when several are used, and he has final responsibility for the placing of the transmitters The two assistants are in continuous communication by telephone, with the first recordist on the line intermittently or he may prefer to give his directions to the assistant directly the latter then passing them on to the cage man Where communication through intermediaries is unsatisfactory the first recordist goes on the stage and contacts directly with the director or his assistants

Sound and Story

Another question on which opinions vary is the desirability of the sound man understanding something of story values the technique of acting and other elements of production somewhat remote from the transmission units and dynes per square centimeter which are naturally his first concern One count in the blanket indictment brought against sound engineers by many picture people in the early struggles of adjustment set forth that the sound technician was willing to sacrifice brilliant photography, vigorous action, and every other constituent of a good motion picture to get what he conceived to be good sound Often enough the complaint was justified as the early results show On the other hand one must learn to walk before one can run and the utilization of natural distortion in recording, the introduction of "sound perspective," and the following of the action of a photoplay with moving microphones were all devices either originated by engineers or developed through their cooperation

It is clearly essential that the head of a sound department should be able to understand the literary and dramatic aspects of picture making so he may help to create the devices necessary to produce the desired emotional effects in audiences But should the mixer," or head of a sound crew, possess this ability?

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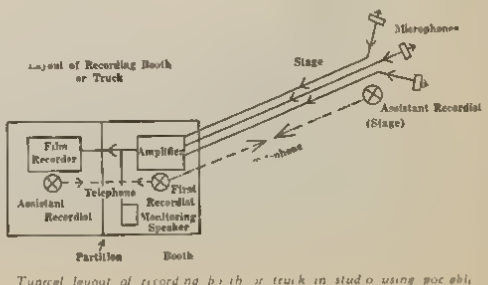

Typical layout of recording booth or truck in studio using portable equipment for recording on film

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Most of the sound executives interviewed thought such traits were a distinct asset, and this view happens to be the one favored by the present writer One of the leading managers argued, on the contrary, that the business of the play and the merits of the plot were solely the affair of the director, and preferably the mixer's disposition should be such that he will be interested only in getting intelligible dialogue and good music and not over-shooting the amplitude limits of the equipment He did not want to run the risk of the sound man becoming what is known in the art as a "script-meddler" The fact that a dissenting opinion was expressed shows even if time should prove it wrong, that final conclusions cannot yet be arrived at in the choosing and training of sound picture personnel

Stage Psychology

In addition to a good ear one quality the mixer' (the term is a misnomer in that he frequently uses only one microphone, and harmful psychologically by its tacit encouragement of excessive manipulation of the gain controls) must have and that is imperturbability Of all the elements of character required for the job coolness in difficult situations is the *sine qua non* Agitation, except on the part of actors and a few directors cannot be tolerated on a stage, for the simple reason that there are so many things to be agitated about that a general demoralization would be the result if everyone yielded to panicky or irritable impulses Furthermore a show of apprehension or uncertainty results in a loss of confidence which, in the atmosphere of picture production, is extremely harmful. It may, for example, cause actors who play important roles to imagine that their voices will be poorly recorded and that fear in itself may detract from their impersonations to such an extent as to seriously reduce the dramatic and box office value of the picture Closely connected with this quality of calmness under tension is the power to make decisions quickly and without elaborate explanations When the first recordist is asked whether a take is good for sound or not he should be able to answer yes or no If he is uncertain the proper answer is no with a compact statement of what he believes will improve the take from the viewpoint of sound In this way production is accelerated and the best mental and emotional attitude maintained among the members of the company Finally the sound man who does his work on the stage must have a pleasant personality A pleasing address is frequently as important as technical knowledge Of course the sound men cannot expect to get by on amiability alone, but it helps immeasurably when combined with the other technical and personal qualities which are required in his work

The assistant recordist on the stage in addition to his function of maintaining communication with the recording booth, generally operates the microphone boom when it is necessary to follow the action He therefore requires considerable training in practical acoustics

Microphones are suspended as required by sound grips who are under the direction of the stage recordist The assistant recordist in the booth loads and unloads film and watches the machine for irregularities during operation.

Where both portable studio equipment and location sound trucks are in use a separate crew may be assigned to the trucks but it is probably more effective to train the personnel to handle both types of equipment, thus enabling the same crew to work through an entire picture whether it is shot entirely in the studio or in the studio and on location In some studios all the recording equipment is mounted on trucks and the problem of training personnel for two kinds of equipment does not arise

Who Should Re-Record?

The production of sound effects may be left to a specialist under the direction of the recording supervisor, or reporting immediately to the director of sound In either case the sound effects man works with the first recordists either during the shooting of the pictures or during re-recording Re recording is another function which under the organization system of Fig 1 in one of the responsibilities of the recording supervisor It is a moot point, however whether the re recording should be done by a specialist or by the first recordist who originally made the sound for the picture The latter often tends to resent the idea that his work requires changes before it is released while if the re-recording is placed entirely in the hands of a specialist the director is put to the trouble of conveying his ideas on sound level and quality to this second technician The best system is probably to assign re-recording to a specialist who knows the capabilities of his equipment and the best method of adapting the final sound version of the film for effective theatre projection with consulting service by the original recordist the cutter assigned to the picture and the director or his deputy, the picture supervisor and the supervisor of recording have the final decision when disputes arise

The functions of installation, test, and maintenance are largely self-explanatory and will not require extended treatment here. Whenever possible, it is well to unify these responsibilities in one engineer, although the actual work must be done by specialists An amplifier maintenance expert for example, usually is not skilled at stringing light valves, and *vice versa*, but both functions are vital from the over-all standpoint of recording It is impossible to record pictures successfully on a large scale unless routine tests daily frequency runs etc are attended to faithfully, and capable trouble-shooters are on hand when some unexpected difficulty arises in spite of preventive measures

Theatre Contacts Needed

Projection although a dual function with picture elements of as much importance as the sound is in most studios under the control of the sound department This reason is simply one of expediency When sound invaded the industry, picture projection had reached the stage where no serious difficulties were encountered, whereas sound projection presented numerous problems of personnel training and addition of equipment Projection as an uncertain factor in the judging of sound recording may entail a serious division of responsibility if it is assigned to another department although here as in many other instances, much depends on the individuals Where the problem is not solved by handing over studio projection *in toto* to the sound department, at least the maintenance of the sound reproducing machinery is delegated to it. Some sound departments also employ one or more technicians as theatre contact men to check up on conditions of sound reproduction in the field This is obviously a prudent measure since too often infinite pains are taken by the producing staff (and an almost infinite amount of money spent) with everything that goes into the negative after which all hands trust to luck in the presentation of the picture to the public. As far as quality of release prints is concerned it is gratifying to note that the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences is taking appropriate action to remedy the present deficiencies

Development and research are obviously topics of importance in an industry as wholly dependent as motion pictures on technological factors which are still far from a state of perfection In general, fundamental problems of sound recording and reproduction are best handled in the laboratories of the equipment manufacturing concerns but many problems such as camera-silencing set construction, correction of acoustic defects by re-recording etc, require work in the field

Sensitometry, and the control of photographic elements in the developing and printing of sound tracks on film, are of obvious concern to the sound engineer, since the most carefully exposed sound negative may be ruined by poor processing in the laboratory, and, conversely, lack of correlation between the photochemical elements and exposure conditions may result in degradation of quality or even loss of takes One or more photographic specialists are therefore found on the staff of every adequately organized sound department and a routine of test strip preparation to indicate optimum conditions of development is carefully maintained

Centralized Installation

As shown in Fig 2, recording organization is in general somewhat more elaborate where a central power amplifier and recording installation is used instead of portable units The centralized scheme usually results in increased specialization The *Chief Mixer*, corresponding to the *Recording Supervisor* of Fig 1 does not have jurisdiction over the final step of engraving on wax or exposing film These functions, instead constitute part of the responsibility of a *Chief Transmission Engineer*, who is concerned with the operation of the plant exclusive only of the stage, and its maintenance throughout Alternatively, the mixers may also be under the control of the chief transmission engineer who then becomes an assistant to the recording director in the immediate vertical line below the latter With the addition of disc recording, also, various supplementary functions enter the organization picture, e g wax shaving laboratory processing of discs, etc The latter added

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ONE of the most complete laboratories for the making of special process shots and trick cinematography has been opened at 8111 Santa Monica Boulevard It is known as the Composite Laboratories, and has Frank Williams as the technical manager Ray Binger and W R Ulm are associated with the laboratories and feel that in having Williams as general manager they have assured the producers of real service of a high order.

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Freund Helps Film "Bride 66"

EUROPE S most famous motion picture cameraman has been called in by United Artists to help film the technicolor sequence of Arthur Hammerstein's spectacular production 'Bride 66" He is Karl Freund the man who filmed such noted screen dramas as Metropolis' Variety, The Last Laugh' and Faust"

Freund recently arrived in Hollywood on his first visit to America His services were suggested by Paul L Stein director of Bride 66 Stein having been associated with the camera expert years ago when both were with UFA in Berlin

The personalities for which the color scenes form backgrounds are Jeanette MacDonald John Garrick, Joe E Brown Joseph Macauley, Robert Chisholm, Zasu Pitts, Carroll Nye Max Davidson and Harry Gribbon The settings were designed by William Cameron Menzies supervising art director of United Artists

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The first talking pictures have made their appearance in Poland and obtained such an immense success that even the concerts are deserted The Polish musicians are reported to be about to hold a congress at Lodz to organize themselves with a view to taking vigorous action against the talkies

Motion Pictures Valuable in Tick Eradication Work

MOTION pictures produced by the U S Department of Agriculture aid agricultural education and help to stimulate public cooperation in campaigns against disease and insect pests

Reports to the department on two films 'Mollie of Pine Grove Vat" and "Southern Cattle Yesterday and Today," used in the tick eradication campaign have emphasized the effectiveness of this form of appeal says C W Warburton Director of Extension Work of the Department

Federal and State employees have requested repeatedly, 'Give us the pictures while we are building vats and organizing dipping beats" and later have reported "The motion pictures make a big change among factions opposed to cattle dipping and have helped in getting all of the cattle to the dipping vats"

In the intensive campaign last year workers used two motion picture outfits to show the films in isolated rural communities. The coming of free Government movies was an event, both to the people and to the men putting on the performance In one instance the road over the mountain was so rough that it took seven hours to get the U S D A movie truck the nine miles to the village The showmen had to use a mule where the road was too steep and too rough for a car When the road was filled with large stones and stumps so high that the rear housing of the car would not clear them the men ran the car up to the stump jacked up the rear till it cleared and then pushed it over

In 1929 these two motion pictures were shown 457 times to a total of 62 503 persons in Arkansas Florida Mississippi and Texas From 1924 to 1929 the pictures were shown in rural communities 2 429 times to an attendance of 370 778 people They are shown usually in rural school houses or out-of-doors to audiences ranging from 50 to 300 persons. The pictures are an event in isolated communities Frequently the whole family attends The younger ones and sometimes the older members, come merely to see the movies but as a result they gain information

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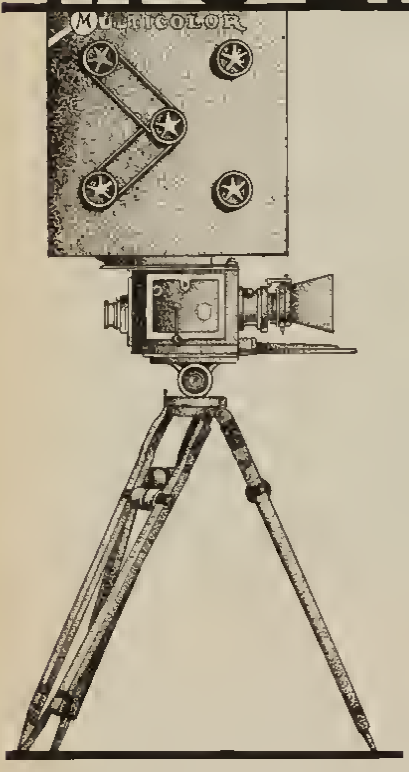

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propped up in the characteristic attitude of a grasshopper ova positing, with her hinder parts buried in the earth and with her bulging eyes anxiously watcbing Tucker's frantic efforts to get her in focus and with her abdomen straining in a frantic effort to get her job of egg laying done before the unknown danger that threatened her should befall Imagine also if you must, the Director brooding ineffectually over this touching scene gathering a few buffalo chips to help in giving the Bell and Howell the proper tilt but otbetwise maintaining a tbey-also-serve-who-merely-stand-and-wait attitude Human stars however great pay more or less attention to what the Director says, but a female grasshopper, intent upon ovaposition pays no attention whatever to what a director representing the federal Department of Agricultute may say, and little attention to what he may do—if he doesn t make any quick motions So the Director just hovered about hoping against hope that the eggs would hold out

The Grasshopper

Finally the line up was perfect Tucker took his cheek out of the Wyoming dirt held the camera down with one hand and began to grind with the other The grasshoppet with Spartan fortitude, held position for forty feet Then her work was done She pulled herself out of her nest " hurriedly covered the hole by scraping in loose earth with a spare pair of legs—and zipp —she was gone!

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There are certain technical aspects in which our work differs radically from that of the cameraman of the motion picture industry We have a small studio in Washington where we have lights and sets for use in making the few interiors that we are called upon to stage and we have compact "suit case arc outfits that we use in making scenes in the field where current is available but in the main our work is such that neither subject nor illumination is under control

Notbing for example is less amenable to human control than a hen—and not a season passes without bringing us some poultry work True, you can incatcerate a hen and thus control her movements in general and at large—but try to make a hen do a specific thing at a given time and place! Get your

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camera all lined up and focused and then try to get a hen to come to the henhouse door pause—and cackle Or try to get a hen to enter a trap nest in a natural and nonchalant manner while the camera is trained on her Try to get a shot of sheep grazing on a mountain pasture, spread so as to illustrate the open herding advocated by the grazing experts of the Forest Service Try to get a shot of an aristocratic Jersey cow—one of those rare creatures that produce over a thousand pounds of butter-fat a year—and get the desired footage before she steps back and looks askance at the camera Try to get a shot of a luxuriant growth of alfalfa and make it look as a professor of agronomy thinks it ought to look Try to make an interior shot in a dark sheep shed a hundred miles from any 110 volt generator with nothing but tin dish pans for reflectors

Some of these things can t be done to the satisfaction of everybody concerned and those that can be done involve expenditures of time and patience that would appall the cameraman accustomed to working where both light and subject are always more or less under control Fortunately our overhead is relatively small as compared with overheads in Hollywood so we can legitimately take the time required to get the results required in work that must always run the gauntlet of severe scientific criticism before it can be released

Dowling to Manage Industrial Films

PAT DOWLING has been appointed to the general management of the Industrial Picture Department of Metropolitan Sound Studios, a newly organized feature of this service studio for the filming of all kinds of business and commercial talking pictures according to announcement by William S Holman general manager of Metropolitan Dowling was associated with the Christie Film Company for eleven years as publicity and sales director

Associated with Metropolitan s new department will be Curtis L Mick as production manager for the industrial pictures In charge of recording for Metropolitan's industrial department will be R S Clayton and A M Granich Western Electric engineers These sound engineers and other department heads at Metropolitan will handle commercial and industrial picture recordings as well as regular theatrical pictures which are produced at this studio

Metropolitan s Industrial Picture Department is now filming talking pictures for non-theatrical uses for several large corporations in various lines of industry Western Electric sound system is being used both in the studio and with portable recording equipments which are making pictures at the present time in San Francisco Portland and other Pacific Coast points

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Amateur Movie Making

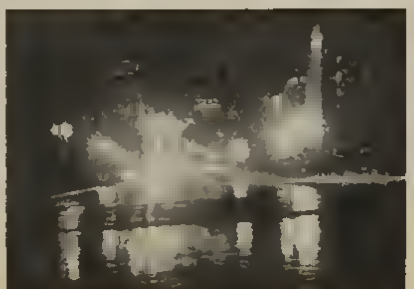
By WILLIAM STULL, A. S. C.

WALKING down Hollywood Boulevard the other day I was stopped by an enthusiastic amateur who had recognized the A S C pin I wore After the usual apologies he confided that he had been interested in still and movie photography for some time, but that there was one point that he simply couldn t understand What were these yellow glass *Color-filters* for, and how are they used? As there are probably quite a number of other amateurs worrying over the same question perhaps the answer I gave him may be of some interest to them.

Why Filter?

In the first place, color filters are a means of correcting the discrepancies betwren the way the film sees colors and the way our eyes see them That is, the film sees colors according to one scale of brightness and our eyes see the same colors with quite different degrees of brigbtness. If we arrange a strip of card board painted blue-violet at one end and graduating through the entire spectrum to red at the other end with yellow approxi mately at the middle, our eyes will register the middle section as being the brightest with both ends shading off deeper and deeper But if we photograph this same colored strip we will have proof that the film sees color very differently from the way we do for our picture will be brightest at the blue end and rhen shade down to an almost dead black in the red section This is because the blue light (and beyond it, the invisible ultra-violet) is the most active photographically, while the red is almost inert. Therefore, if we want to get anything like a true rendition of the color-values our eyes see we must in some way hold back a portion of the powerful blue rays and give the weaker greens yellows, and reds a chance to make their impressions upon the film. That is what light-filters are for The better grades are so made that they not only retard the blue rays but quite absorb the invisible ultraviolet frequencies But in order to work under all conditions we must have a variety of filters, some that hold back only a little of the blue, and some that hold back a great deal of it. Therefore filters are made in several grades, the light-colored ones holding back only a moder ate part of the blue, while the darker ones retard more and more of it. However no commercial filters hold back all of the blue rays, for that would be as serious an exaggeration in its way as the original condition the filter is intended to correct is

Now, when these filters are used it will be seen that they are removing a portion of the light (and the most active portion at that) *but they are not adding anything to take its place* Therefore, in order to keep the exposure correct a longer time must be given, or a larger amount of light allowed to work on the plate *and this increase must be directly proportioned to the amount of blue light cut out by the filter* In amateur movie work where the time of exposure is usnally fixed this com pensation must be made by opening the diaphragm on the lens In order to make this compensation accurately and conveniently the manufacturers have determined what is known as the *filter factor* for each of their various filters There are so many different makes of filters on the market today that it would be impossible to give here the factors of anything like a comprehensive number of them; however among the most popular ones are the *Wratten* K series made by the Eastman Company, and of these the ones most used in amateur movie-making are the K 1 the K 1½, and the K 2. The lightest of these the K 1, absorbs 60% of the blue rays, and passes nearly 80% of all the others; its *filter factor* is 1 5. That is, when using a K 1, the normal exposure must be multiplied by 1 5 With the K 1½, the factor is 2½ and with the K 2 it is 3. Therefore in practical use with a K 1 the diaphragm opening should be increased half a stop with a K 1½ a full stop, and with a K 2, a stop and a half In other words if a scene required *f* 8 as a normal unfiltered exposure, it would require *f* 6 3 if a K 1 filter were used *f* 5 6 with a K 1½, and *f* 4.5 with a K 2 all of which is a powerful argument in favor of the use of large-aperture lenses Another aid in quickly computing the increased exposure for filters is given by Mr Herbert McKay, F R P S the brilliant head of *Photo-Era s* Kine Department In common with the majority of photographic authorities. Mr McKay is strongly in favor of the use of the *Cinephot* and *Dremophot* meters as guides to correct exposure and for those who use them, he recommends taking the speed factor with a 2x filter as 32 that with a 3x as 48 and that with a 4x as 64 and proceeding to use the meter as usual receiving the correct exposure as a direct reading without further computation



Pan or Ortho?

But it is plain that if we are going to cut out the blue rays we must use a film that is sensitive to the remaining ones The ordinary emulsion—technically termed *Orthochromatic*—is moderately sensitive to these yellow and red rays, so that filters give a considerable improvement when used with it but to make the fullest use of the benefits given filters, they should be used with a film which is sensitized to all of the colors This is termed *Panchromatic* film (from two Greek words meaning *all colors*). Because it is comparatively new, many amateurs feel somewhat timid about trying it, bnt there is no need to do so for as far as the user s manipulations go, there is no difference between *Ortho* and *Pan* film except that the latter gives a truer rendition of color-values *Both give their best results when used with filters, and both are equally easy to use* Not so many years ago, when *Pan* was introduced to the profession, the majority of studio cinematographers felt quite the same way about it, but after they saw the superior results it gave Ned Van Buren A S C who was the first cinematographer to use Panchromatic film in regular production (on Will Rogers' *The Headless Horseman*) more and more dared to try it, and found it so far superior and so simple to manage that—well today at least 98% of the films made are photographed on *Pan* Therefore to the amateurs who doubt the advisability of changing to *Pan*, let me say go and see any picture made more than five years ago, and then see any modern one (particularly such photographic gems as *White Shadows in the South Seas* by Clyde deVinna A S C, or *The Lone Star Ranger*, by Dan Clark A S C—and then make your own decisions

A Hint From Overseas

It is always a pleasure to read the various photographic and cinematic magazines that reach us from abroad Among the most interesting of these is *The Amateur Photographer*, from England Its cinema department contains the writings of many of Britain's best cinematic minds among whom is Mr Sigurd Moir a well known British profes-sional cinematographer In a recent issue Mr Moir makes a suggestion that I am sure will be of benefit to American readers as well as those for whom it was written

Referring to some reports of trouble with the familiar 'humidor film cans Mr Moir suggests that instead of using water to moisten the pads a solution of camphor in four parts of olive oil (in other words the famil iar Camphorated Oil of the nursery) be used This will preserve the film base and the emulsion and also give much greater freedom from the un

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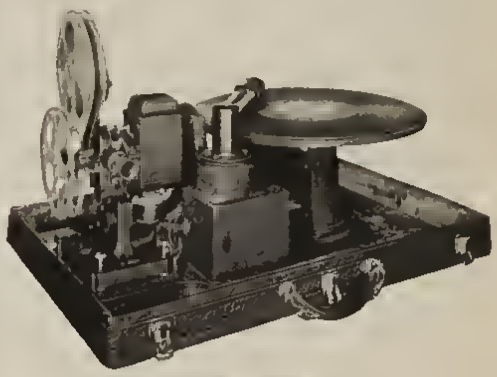

table simultaneously There is no chance for imperfect synchronization Both projector and turn table cannot operate except at a fixed speed

Instead of several units to assemble the Cinetone is one integral unit The amplifier is of the latest design employing only one No 224 screen grid tube, one 250 amplifier tube and one 281 rectifier tube As in the case of radio amplifiers when used on D C a converter is necessary.

Brilliant illumination to meet all 16 mm requirements is accomplished through the use of a 20 volt, 250 watt prefous projector lamp 110 A C The Cinetone has a self-contained transformer which converts 110 A C to 20 volt

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The 16" record operating at 33⅓ R P M is professional in size and speed thereby accommodating 400' of 16 mm film (the equal of 1000' of 35 mm) In other words the record will operate throughout the entire showing of one full reel of film

The DeVry Cinetone is already being accepted by manufacturers and other users of industrial and educational films with unusual enthusiasm It is further interesting to note that dealers in amateur motion picture apparatus are ordering and delivering the Cinetone for home use Several film producers are already equipped and making releases on 16 mm and 16" 33⅓ R P M records of comedies etc This foretells the coming advent of the use of talking movies in the home and which will doubtless soon result in some of the larger productions in the professional field being released for home consumption

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A Central Socialist Film Organization has just been instituted at Brussels, Belgium It comprises 52 members under the presidency of M. Boulanger The object of the organization is stated to be the centralizing of film renting and the sale of cinema equipment

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Have you ordered the Cinematographic Annual?

New Home Talkie Device

B. B. Gottschalk and His New Invention

ANOTHER home talkie device has been announced This one is the invention of Bert B Gottschalk a Hollywood man with years of radio experience

Gottschalk has not placed his device on the market as yet but he claims his 16 mm talking apparatus will be cheaper than anything yet offered the public He has devised his apparatus so it may be used he claims with Q R S DeVry Cine-Kodak Model A and Victor 16 mm cameras without any change in the camera being made Gottschalk says a slight camera change is necessary in other makes Extreme portability is one of the features the inventor stresses The apparatus is shown above with the inventor

Victor Announces New Projector For 16 Millimeter Pictures

THE Victor Animatograph Company makers of the Victor 16 mm cameras and other 16 mm equipment has just announced a new model 16 mm projector It is called the Model 3 and according to the announcement is identical to the present Model 3 B Victor Projector except that it is finished entirely in Crystal Black Enamel with all steel and brass parts chrome plated

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The Spanish Government has asked the Ministers of Labor and of Public Instruction to work out protection measures for the Spanish musicians who are much prejudiced by the invasion of colored and foreign musicians and by the sound-film It is planned to increase the entertainment tax rates for wired cinemas and for music-halls in which the orchestra is wholly or partly composed of foreign musicians

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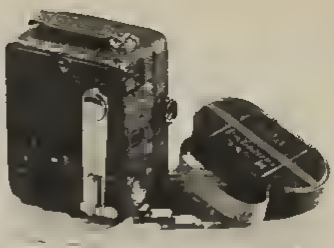

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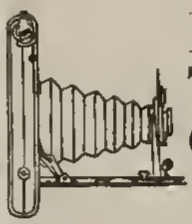

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A Professional Cinematographer Discovers the *Filmo* and Finds New Pleasures.

By Wm. Stull, A S C

Jackson Rose, A. S. C., with his Professional Bell & Howell

FOR a professional cinematographer to find real pleasure in amateur cinematography may seem like an instance of carrying the proverbial coals to Newcastle, but the fact remains that one by one, the outstanding members of the camera profession are discovering the fascination of personal movie-making. The latest to make this discovery is Jackson J. Rose, A. S. C., whose standing in the industry is attested by the fact that, in addition to being a respected member of the American Society of Cinematographers, he is Vice-President of Hollywood Local 659 of the International Photographers.

Mr. Rose is one of the veterans of the industry, having started his career with the famous old Essanay Company, back in 1910, when the movies really were in their infancy. During the ten years that he was with Essanay, he photographed practically all of the stars of the time, and many of those of today who began their careers at the famous Chicago plant.

After leaving Essanay, Mr. Rose came to the coast and joined the Metro forces. There he remained for over two years, after which he moved to Universal, where he stayed until 1928. For a while then he free-lanced, and was in such demand that he made pictures in almost every studio in Hollywood. For the past few years, however, Mr. Rose has professionally settled down at the Tiffany Studio, where he has been head of the camera department.

As the readers of *The American Cinematographer* already know, Mr. Rose is of a very inventive turn of mind, and is constantly devising improvements for his cameras and accessories. He denies, however, that he is likely to do the same for his 16 mm. outfit, "—because," says he, "I'm too busy enjoying it!"

"Yes," he says, "I'm a real amateur movie maker now. I'll admit I hesitated a long time before I made up my mind to try it. You know the idea that many professional photographers have about amateurs—they think only of the careless, photographically incompetent *Brownie* snapshooters, and entirely overlook the thousands of really capable, earnest amateurs. I made the same mistake, but when I began to see the things that some of these advanced amateurs could do with their *Filmos*, I changed my mind quick, and now I'm really an amateur. Of course, I make moving pictures for a living, too, but you know the dictionary says that an *amateur* is one who does a thing because he likes it—and that makes me an amateur on the set as well as off. But since I got my *Filmo* I'm afraid that I'm getting even more interested in my camera work off the set than on.

"Besides, I really think that the 16 mm. movie-making hobby for a cameraman is in keeping with his work, and is a practice that should be encouraged among the profession. It is very interesting to photograph one's family, and you can do so many things with a small camera that you can't do with a professional one. Take the matter of projection, for instance. Of course, to project standard size film, which is highly inflammable, one would need a fireproof projection booth, with costly apparatus and all the necessary precautions for its safety, and besides there would be all sorts of red tape about fire inspections, and so on. So it is hardly practical for a cameraman to have a standard projection room in his home. Using the non-inflammable 16 mm. film, however, with only the ordinary amount of caution one can have a projection room right in one's living-room, especially with the light, portable projectors and screens we now have.

"It's a great source of entertainment for the entire family to see themselves on the screen, especially when one has taken the time to work out simple little scenarios with the family as actors. I don't know, though, which they get the most fun out of—actually acting, or seeing themselves on the screen. At any rate, I know that my family has had a lot of both kinds of fun since I bought my camera. I've worked up several little stories—nothing pretentious, but lots of fun to make, and the sort of film that doesn't get put on the shelf nearly as soon as a reel of mere 'animated snapshots.' In one of my films, for instance, I have the plot center around a surprise party given to my wife by our friends, and in it I cast my brother-in-law

as the mysterious heavy' Of course, most married men are sure that their brothers-in-law are just naturally fitted for such a part—but they d better be sure to pick wives with brothers who can act the part before the camera as well as this one did. All through the picture I had him slinking mysteriously around corners, peeping furtively from behind trees or stealing secretively off with some parcel concealed under his coat Really he was most effective, for he furnished an element of suspense to the picture, and then the final comedy punch I ended up by showing him stealing quickly into the garage, and then moved the camera after him on a 'dolly', and there, at last, was the explanation of his mysterious actions, for he was busily engaged in stirring a huge tub of home brew'

But perhaps the best part of home movie-making is the cheapness of it all Gosh I expected it would be much worse than it really is And honestly, I get a great kick out of it for it s even more interesting to shoot that film than it is to do my regular work in the studio This reversal business is a funny thing for a professional cameraman to get used to, though—this business of not having any negative and getting your original film back as a positive It really seemed uncanny to me at first—but it just naturally cuts down the expense of the thing, and that's an angle all of us can understand without any further explanation'

I recently bought a *Filmo 70 D* together with a projector, a screen, and—oh well I got the whole works and I'm telling you it s the best investment I've ever made The camera is as perfect as a camera can be and I know it's built with the same precision and fine workmanship that its professional brother is—and that's about as close to perfection as has ever been reached. I ought to know for I've been using Bell & Howell professional cameras for twenty years In fact I had the good fortune to be the first professional cameraman to use a Bell & Howell camera, for back in 1910 I used Bell & Howell No 1—and I'm still using one

As one of the pictures here shows, I mounted my *Filmo* on the finder of my big Bell & Howell and I very often shoot both of them at the same time I've gotten some very good scenes that way—and the surprise of it is that the *Filmo* is so very quiet that I don't need to shoot from a booth when I'm making talkie scenes The revolving turret is also a wonderful feature because I invariably want to get closer shots, without moving the camera, and the turret arrangements let me do it by shifting to a longer focus lens just as I do on the big camera.

'That little camera is certainly a compact and accurate little machine and its seven speeds are a marvellous help to us all, professionals and amateurs alike for the different speeds enable

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Rose lines up a shot with his Filmo.

Rose with his Filmo attached to his professional Bell & Howell

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Esthonia

FILM production in Esthonia is still very young" It was only in 1928 that the first producing organization, *Estonia Film* was founded by two newsreel cinematographers the brothers J and P Pankas This firm now has a studio at Reval which produces native films and excellent educationals Scandinavia, Poland and the Soviet Republic constitute the market for Esthonian films for the 18 theatres in that country are obviously not sufficient to repay the cost of production

Collins E. R. P. I. Auditor

D. C COLLINS has been appointed General Auditor of Electrical Research Products as the latest of a series of promotions following the appointment of R E Anderson as Treasurer of that Company

Mr Collins takes up the duties of his new position immediately

Eyemo Scores Again

ANOTHER of the many outstanding newsreel beats achieved by the Bell & Howell Eyemo was scored in Chicago recently by this popular semi-professional movie camera when Joseph Sandman a film broker jumped from an eight-story window, in what is said to be the longest leap ever made in Chicago from a burning building to a fire net

Because of the extreme adaptability of the hand-held Eyemo, Charles David, Chicago Daily News-Universal camera man was able to keep the jumper in focus during the entire leap and to secure exclusive shots of this spectacular jump for life These pictures were shown in Chicago Daily News-Universal releases in theatres all over the United States

Whew I never knew I could have done anything like that,' said Sandman after viewing the reel showing the performance in which he was the star although his act was a bit impromptu He turned pale, and cold sweat stood out on his forehead as he saw the pictorial evidence of his thrilling experience

The pictures first show Sandman hesitating on the window ledge with clouds of suffocating smoke rolling all around him Then all other avenues of escape being closed to him he jumps to the net and safety.

Miss Margaret Paine a stenographer also made the same jump but was not so fortunate as Sandman She received some serious injuries to her skull The Eyemo also caught exclusive pictures of her.

Due to the fact that the hand-held Eyemo can get into action and be actually photographing a scene before the larger professional camera can be set up it is able to secure many valuable pictures which otherwise could not be captured at all

Charles E Ford newsreel editor of the Chicago Daily News states that every camera man on his staff takes an Eyemo home each night in order to be in readiness for any short-notice summons

Free Directory of 16 mm. Film Sources to Be Distributed by Victor Animatograph Company

SINCE the advent of non-theatrical motion pictures and especially since the adoption of the 16 mm film as the international non-theatrical standard there has existed a dire need for a comprehensive listing of some kind containing all sources of 16 mm films

It has remained however for the Victor Animatograph Company of Davenport Iowa to attempt the first complete listing of 16 mm sources a handy pocket-size edition $5\frac{3}{8}$"x $7\frac{5}{8}$"

The Directory of 16 mm film Sources is being published entirely at the expense of the Victor Animatograph Company No charge has been made for the listings and distribution is free to owners and prospective owners of 16mm equipments The information contained in the directory should prove strictly impartial as the Victor Organization does not produce or distribute films of any kind and is not financially interested in any producing or distributing companies

This is a Directory of Sources and not of subject titles As each source however, does not supply all the various types of subjects a tabular style of listing has been employed which shows at a glance the kinds of films that are available thru any given source Films are listed as being appropriate for School use Church use Professional use and for Entertainment purposes The listing also shows whether films supplied by a given source are sold rented or loaned free

The Directory will be kept constantly up to date and revised editions will be issued as often as necessary Copies of the revised editions will be sent only to those requesting that their names be kept permanently on the Directory Mailing List

Requests for the Directory should be addressed to Film Directory Editor Victor Animatograph Company Davenport Iowa

According to statistics published by the British Board of Censors 81 new feature films (3 000 feet or over) were censored in Great Britain during January 1930 Of these 81 films 49 were sound-synchronized and 32 were silent

Oakland Firm Equips for Sound-on-Film

AFTER ten years of successful business in the industrial field in Northern California The Commercial Film Laboratories of 3664 Broadway Oakland have entered a new field with the acquisition of this first Fearless Dramaphone Portable Sound Recorder designed by Mr Ralph Fear, of the Fearless Camera Co

In announcing this equipment they will enter a new era and make available sound-on-film for industrial, advertising and scenic subjects with an independently owned and controlled outfit The equipment will be stationed in Oakland but will be sent anywhere on a rental basis

The sound recording equipment has been installed in an attractive truck and every necessity for portable recording is included The camera is a Bell & Howell and is completely rebuilt and silenced equipped with Fearless speed movement silent motor drive and 1000 foot magazines All of the camera work, as well as the rest of the equipment was done by the Fearless Camera Co of Hollywood and Ralph Fear's experience in this work guarantees that it is of the best

The amplifier is placed directly in back of the front seat and the operator can monitor from the driver's compartment Although all of the equipment can be operated over 100 feet from the truck without moving batteries the entire outfit is portable and can be removed from the truck and carried in cases to any point desired

A condenser microphone is used and was selected after a thorough and comprehensive search for the best in this type of apparatus

The Commercial Film Laboratories have been operating a complete laboratory in the past but with this new equipment they have installed a sound printer as well as sound reproducer and picture reviewer for cutting. Their projection room is now also equipped for sound making The plant is the most modern of its kind in Northern California An automatic developing machine will be installed soon

A complete stock of incandescent lights spots rifles floods overheads strips side lamps are available at this plant as well as a small sound proof stage A motor generator plant four 24-inch searchlights a rotary, spots and side arcs form, in addition the balance of the finest lighting equipment that can be obtained in this territory

With their past experience in the advertising field as a background and the fact that they can place this type of picture in 200 theatres many of which they hold exclusive rights for the Commercial Film Laboratories are in a position to offer an added service to the user of industrial films

Seventy-five per cent of the theatrical trailers made in Northern California are made here and such circuits as Fox West Coast Publix, R-K-O T & D Jr and Golden State have long been satisfied users of this type of work Of course trailers will now be made in sound

Besides shooting in sound they offer color for pictures or titles and will put in sound effects or synchronize a silent picture

A cordial invitation is extended to anyone interested to call and inspect the plant and equipment Producers or cameramen may make The Commercial plant their headquarters when in the North

Amateur Movie Making

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pleasant but inevitable task of re moistening the humidifying pads every so often The only precaution to be observed with this system is that there be perforated metal partitions over the pads to prevent actual contact between the aluminum reels and the moistened pads Incidentally I imagine that care should be taken not to overdo the moistening

An alternative method which Mr Moir also recommends is to powder an ounce of tough solid camphor for every four cans and to place this powder in the cans in envelopes made of blotting paper and sealed with shellac In order to keep the camphor from volatilizing—which it does very easily—the envelopes must be dampened with water But since the camphor is not particularly soluble in water (no more than one part in 700) the envelopes can be kept quite moist without any danger of deterioration to the camphor

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THE MOTION PICTURE

An Address by Will H. Hays Given Over The National Broadcasting System During The Westinghouse Electric Company's "Salute to the Motion Picture Industry," March 4th.

STAND WITH me for a moment on a high mountain and see the long lines of men and women and children moving slowly forward They come from everywhere There are rosy cheeked girls from the farms and their paler faced sisters from the cities whose feet ache from long hours of standing behind bargain counters There are plow boys and sons of millionaires and boys with the sallow cheeks of the tenements There are old women with hands reddened and coarsened by work and with eyes grown listless with long waiting There are old men who hobble on crooked sticks and children with the flash of the sun's gold in their hair and the happy laughter of innocence in their voices There are the schoolboy and the savant and the man of no learning at all. There are women and men of every race and of every tongue moving slowly forward seeking something—seeking searching yearning asking for a place to dream All about them is the roar of cities, the confused jangling noises of life that is hurried rushed propelled forward at a breathless speed Every minute of every hour of every day they come—millions and millions of them And over and above them and in front of them, attracting them on offering that which they desire are billions of flickering shadows

The motion picture' Who shall estimate its importance? Who shall attempt to say what it really means to the world? The motion picture within the thirty years of its existence has become a necessity In thousands of homes throughout this country the question is not "Shall we go to the movies?" It is, "To which movie shall we go?" The most popular after-dinner speech tonight is father saying "Let's go to the movies'

The whole story of the motion picture is most fascinating No story ever written for the screen is as dramatic as the story of the screen itself

In one of our great cities recently there was a theatre strike The theatres were closed For two nights a million people milled about the streets deprived of entertainment The city authorities sent word that the theatres would have to re-open It was necessary for the well-being of that city that a place of amusement and relaxation be provided for its vast citizenry And so the theatres were opened

I have just returned from six weeks in Hollywood, where most of the pictures are made That city is an international enterprise Producers actors writers have their minds on the whole world when they make pictures There is an earnest effort to consider the national feelings of other countries and to present the citizens of one country in such a sympathetic light that all other nations will be friendly with them The producers are eager thus to aid in the world movement for peace

They are as eager, too, of course, to make pictures which will please everyone at home Obviously, it is difficult in a country where there is wide divergence of opinion upon religion politics and art to please everyone with every picture The industry is glad however, to have expressions of opinion from all sources that it may more nearly please everyone and it will conscientiously analyse and if possible, make use of every constructive suggestion and criticism

Since the advent of talking pictures and by reason of the industry's own care of its standards and quality interest in screen entertainment has grown enormously Last year's attendance in this country alone increased by fifteen millions per week up to a total weekly attendance of one hundred and fifteen millions This is three times as many Americans as were seeing pictures in 1922

Dialogue and music have made possible countless plays and books which formerly had no screen value Continually too our field broadens in useful services in education industry science and religion The present is great —but the future of motion pictures is indeed greater

In this hour of Salute to Motion Pictures the industry takes the opportunity to extend its felicitations to our many friends and to the Westinghouse Company and to assure you that we are seeking to serve the great entertainment loving public with pictures always of the highest quality of amusement artistry and beauty And in conclusion I might observe to those of you who are listening that I propose now to go and see the nearest one

Government Sells Prints

THE Office of Motion Pictures of the United States Department of Agriculture has just authorized the sale of prints of 131 of its educational pictures to the Government of Uruguay, South America This order the largest of the kind ever placed with the Department, will be filled by a private contractor who is authorized to make prints from Department of Agriculture negatives The Government does not sell prints on its own account

The Department recently authorized the sale of prints of twenty of its films to the authorities of Soviet Russia This order is the latest of several that have come to the Department from Russia in the past few years Other foreign users of Uncle Sam's agricultural movies are Japan Mexico Peru India and Germany

Varges Uses Eyemo

ARIEL VARGES cinematographer for Fox-Hearst Newsreel who has spent many years in Asia and Europe and is probably one of the best known newsreel cameramen in the foreign field, is using with great success an automatic Bell & Howell Eyemo camera in his highly specialized work

Mr Varges does a considerable amount of work from airplanes and the lightness and portability of the Eyemo have been of great help to him The advent of sound pictures has not injured the use of this camera and Mr Varges' recent best 'shots have been very successfully synchronized with sound

France

PROCEEDINGS were instituted by the Melovox company inventor of the Melovox sound film equipment against the Etablissements Gerardot According to contract, the latter was due to manufacture sound-film apparatus for the Melovox company, but not to turn out any other sound-film installations or handle any film business Gerardot did not abide to the conditions of this contract and was sued by Melovox A decision was taken recently by the Paris Tribunal of Commerce to the effect that Gerardot is not allowed to manufacture sound-equipments or handle any film business

Grain Grading Methods Shown in New U. S. Movie

GRAIN GRADING a new two-reel educational movie, released by the U S Department of Agriculture shows the need for grain inspection and the part that grading plays in the movement of grain in the United States and for shipment abroad It is intended primarily for producers dealers, and all other handlers of grain

The new film takes the place of an old one-reel film, 'Wheat Grading under Federal Supervision" which has been withdrawn from circulation after years of usefulness The new film shows newer methods more details and the procedure

The film is of special interest to farmers and handlers of grain in the West and Middle West and may be borrowed without charge except for transportation from the Office of Motion Pictures of the U S Department of Agriculture Washington D C

FROM SAILOR TO FEATURED PLAYER

A Few Facts About the Man Whose Photograph Appears on This Month's Cover

HOLLYWOOD produces some strange stories Being the center of the motion picture industry, naturally it would, for from every quarter of the world men and women drift here with the hope that perhaps they may find a fortune in some branch of pictures

Among the most recent of the young men who have started up the ladder to fame and fortune is the young man whose picture is found on the cover of this issue of the American Cinematographer. He is Duncan Renaldo featured contract player with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer organization, who played the juvenile lead in that company s coming big picture. Trader Horn," which Van Dyke directed down in the wilds of Africa, and which was photographed by an A S C member Clyde DaVinna

Renaldo first saw the light of day in the city of Camden N. J., on April 23, 1904. In the opinion of all residents of Philadelphia, he showed wisdom early in life by leaving Camden and going to France, but Renaldo says he had nothing to do with that as he was just a baby and can t agree with the Philadelphians anyway as he thinks Camden is a fine city

Anyway Renaldo received his education in France When the war broke out he was taken out of school and went home to live with his parents in a little town near the scene of fighting Renaldo was too young to take part in the fighting, but he bears a half dozen shrapnel scars on his body just the same You see the Germans bombarded the town where he lived and one of the shells did its best to blot this young man out

The war over Renaldo who had planned to be an artist suddenly changed his mind and decided to be a sailor So he started out on a tramp steamer and visited practically all the big ports of the entire world and very nearly stayed in the South Seas so he says

It was while on this trip that Renaldo picked up the idea that he would like to be an actor

'I used to get in my quarters on the ship during my spare time', he says and orate with much gusto. I guess some of the sailors must have thought I was crazy. But I figured that practice was necessary."

Finally Renaldo arrived in New York. There he quit the sea and found his way into a motion picture studio where he fortunately was successful in set designing One day he met Hope Hampton who was just starting a picture He told her he would like a chance in pictures She gave him a part to play the part of her brother in "Fifty-Fifty"

Renaldo then caught on on the stage in New York and for three years played in various plays meanwhile still working in the direction of motion pictures. He started writing stories in his spare time and sold one to Colorart Pictures This organization not only bought his story for a two-reeler, but gave him a job as actor and director in it So he directed several two-reelers more for them and then came to the West Coast where for a time he continued with them

Tom Terris gave him the lead in the 'Naughty Duchess" and then Edward Everett Horton gave him a part in the stage play Her Carboard Lover" Renaldo was going up rapidly by this time and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer gave him a big part in "The Bridge of San Luis Rey"; He had not completed this role when M-G M signed him to a long term contract, and his future in pictures was practically settled

Director Van Dyke was looking for a man for the juvenile lead in 'Trader Horn", he spotted Renaldo after scores of tests of other players had been made, and Renaldo went to Africa on the picture There he was adopted into a tribe of savages and had a lot of narrow escapes such as rescuing Edwina Booth from a half dozen African Bisons that seemed intent upon wiping the female star from the African landscape

Renaldo is a serious young man who looks ahead to the time when he will realize his greatest ambition that of becoming a full fledged director

European Theatre Owners to Meet in June

NOTICE has just been received that the convention of the Federation Internationale des Directeurs de Cinematographes (the International Federation of Motion Picture Theatre Managers) will be held in Brussells June 2-7, 1930 This convention is sponsored by the Belgian Cinematographic Association, and will be held under the patronage of the Belgian Government Among the official hosts of the convention will be numbered such distinguished Belgians as M. Heyman, the Minister of Industry and Labor M. Paul-Emile Janson the Minister of Justice M Beals, the Minister of the Interior and M. Forthomme the Minister of Postal Communications The Belgian Cinematographic Association is headed by M Jules Jourdain who has announced that delegations to the convention are already being organized by similar organizations in France England, Germany, Iraly, and various other European countries

At this convention commissions are to be established to study and report upon the various technical and economic problems confronting the European Film Industry from an international viewpoint, and, if possible make practical recommendations for their solution Among the commissions are to be those for Organization of an International Federation, for study of the Educational Cinema, for the study of the problems of Exploitation, Booking, and Production for the study of special taxes and imposts on exhibition, for the study of the rights of authors both of films and music for the study of sound and talking films—including such technical aspects as the study of the various systems themselves and their standardization, and the economic problems they introduce in booking and exhibition, a further commission to survey and study purely technical questions, another to study and if possible standardize the legal situations and national legislation regarding the cinema including contractural forms and censorship; and a final commission for the protection of professional exhibition

Roland West to Make "Whispers"

MONTHS of speculation in the motion picture industry over Roland West's plan for the future ended when the producer-director announced that he will start immediately preparing for another United Artists all-dialogue feature—"Whispers" a comedy drama to be adapted from a New York stage play.

West, after scoring one of the greatest talking picture successes with his all-star production of "Alibi," photographed by Ray June, A S C, in which Chester Morris soared to overnight fame, considered scores of stories and plays before deciding on his second audible fature West so far has made no definite selections for the cast but in all probability "Whispers" will be an all-star production like 'Alibi," "The Rat," and other of his outstanding pictures

West denied that he plans to make "The Rat" into a talking picture, with Chester Morris starred It was a big success as a silent picture, but mysteries have been overdone," he said " 'The Rat positively will not be made into a dialogue feature "

Pierre Colombier Rene Pujol and Maurice Yvain are now collaborating in the Pathe-Natan studios at Joinville in the production of a film entitled 'Radieux Concert " It is interesting to note that besides an English, German and Spanish version, this film will have two French versions one of these being in black and white, and the second in color

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German Kinoton sets for medium and small cinemas are available at a price from 8 500 marks states a German trade paper (see Bureau report 'German Sound Film Notes," of February 15 1930).

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Film of German and American make is used entirely Agfa and Kodak being preferred Super-speed and pan film are used for the most part A special film made for night work and an aerial film both made by Zeiss Ikon, find occasional use when the need arises

The negatives are developed in Pyro Each laboratory has its own pet formula, which is kept a deep secret Glycin and M. Q. are used very little. Borax is not in favor because of its high price and poor keeping qualities Processing is generally by rack and tank Only a few developing machines are in use, and they are not in favor.

The German Laboratory is by no means a good example The rooms are small badly kept and poorly ventilated Safe lights are of the same remarkable variety found in the studio darkrooms

The workers in the laboratories are mostly trained photographers, no unskilled laborers are employed The quality of the film turned out is uniformly good Laboratories are always located near the studios making it very convenient for the cameraman for rush work

A few words should be said about sound production Very little was done until a few months ago Everyone was watching America to see the outcome of the first production The opinions of everyone in the industry were different and still remain so Nobody believed in the sound film as being here to stay Then Ufa started with the construction of a sound studio and the others followed suit building new studios or reconstructing the old ones At the present time sound stages are available in every studio The Ufa studio was built in four and one-half months and is now the best equipped for sound and silent production

In conclusion it may be said that in contrast to the American industry, the greatest factor is cost Due to economic conditions money is not available for salaries or equipment on the American scale Partly as a result of this, the technical staff is better trained than here The German cameraman can and does produce excellent results with much less equipment than his American brother Skill, rather than cost, is the greatest element in film "made in Germany."

Sound by W. E. for League of Nations International Institute

THE World's Centre of the International Education Cinematographic Institute for the League of Nations at the Villa Torlonia Rome, has been equipped with Western Electric talking apparatus

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The installation was made under the direction of Engineer Moreau of Western Electric's staff at Rome

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TOBIS KLANGFILM offers sound sets in France (1930 model) at from 140 000 to 195 000 francs for a double projection post The price varies according to the size of the hall to be wired Previous highest price was 276,000 francs It is probable that the modification is due to the bringing on to the market of the Ideal Sonore Gaumont set at 150,000 francs for a double post It is not known how many or whether any Klangfilm-Tobis sets at all have been sold in France

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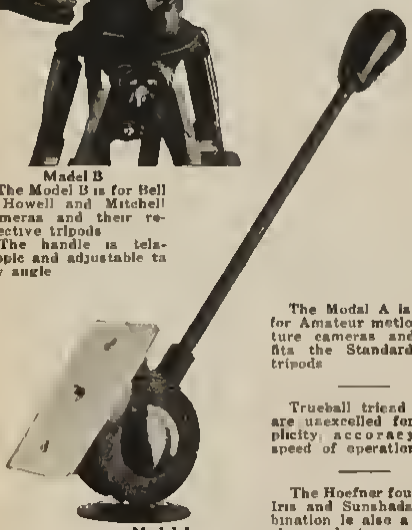

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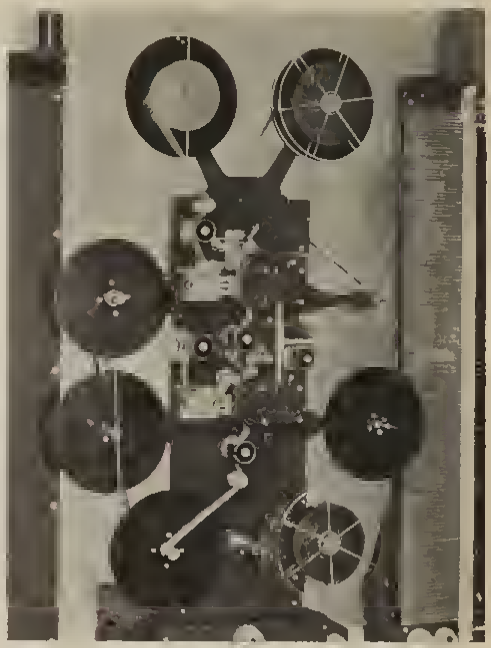

HOLLYWOOD film laboratory circles were given a peep last week at Oscar B Depue's newest mechanical device, a printer that simultaneously prints sound and picture Mr Depue set his printer up at The Centaur Laboratories of Wm Horsley and daily displayed this ingenious machine to the officials of the picture world The above picture gives a fair idea of how it looks

French Police Use Talkies

FOLLOWING American experiments in the use of talking pictures for recording crime confessions in America, it is announced that the Paris Surete Generale is to adopt the use of "talkies" in crime detection. Mr Chiappe, the Prefect of Police, is to have a sound film recording equipment fitted at Police headquarters where suspected persons undergo their examination at the hands of the examining magistrate Every question and answer will be recorded, and every gesture of the examining magistrate and the suspect will be photographed It is thought that the use of 'talkies' in this manner will not only aid crime detection, but will convince the public that suspected persons are not unfairly treated

Paris

A PARIS 'talkie' cinema aimed to supply the needs of English and American patrons is the purpose of the Alma Palace, the new theatre opened by Louis Nalpas The apparatus installed is Nalpas' own the L N A The first night audience which was mainly French was not enthusiastic about the language aspect of the matter, and clamoured for "talkies" in French The press was severe in its criticism of sound-reproduction and projection advising the directors of the new cinema to change as soon as possible their present inferior sound-equipment The L N A set is known aboard as Filmophone

The famous German director E A Dupont has been signed as production manager of the *Emelka Co.*, of Munich

Associated Sound Pictures of England have announced that they will soon make a series of pictures in sound and color in India

Sound Personnel and Organization

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in Fig. 2 as merely a single line, is of paramount importance in those companies which release principally on disc and have their own pressing plants These would really require another organization chart for complete treatment which need not be included, however, in a general paper.

Too Many Applicants

Before closing the subject, I should like to invite attention to an economic phase of the sound problem which is of foremost interest to many people outside of the industry

Any sound executive's mail reflects a great aspiration on the part of many radio and electrical technicians to get into the movies. This desire arises partly from the glamour of the business, partly from the publicity with which it is so richly endowed, and partly from the relatively high salaries which successful sound men command Furthermore, there was an acute scarcity of sound men in Hollywood during the transition from silent to sound pictures, and the news of this El Dorado is still reverberating among the ambitious and the dissatisfied—unfortunately with a time lag of 1-2 years As is usual in such cases, the supply has more than caught up with the demand, even during peaks of production During periods of only moderate activity, as at the present writing (March, 1930) there are considerable numbers of qualified sound engineers out of work in the Hollywood district. The number of jobs is at best very limited *Variety*, in its survey of motion picture studio employment, reported in its issue of January 8, 1930 gave the following figures for sound personnel in the Western Studios

Company	No Employees in Sound	Company	No Employees in Sound
Warners	193	Columbia	22
M G-M	147	Tiffany	15
Paramount	105	Tec-Art	12
Universal	100	Hal Roach	10
Fox	75	James Cruze	9
United Artists	44	Mack Sennett	4
Metropolitan	41	Educational	4
R-K-O	32	Larry Darmour	4
Pathe	32	Miscellaneous	71
First National	29	Total	949

While in some cases these figures have been increased since the tabulation, it is clear that there are only about 1000 sound jobs in Hollywood This is surely nothing to write home about especially as Los Angeles affords relatively few jobs in allied fields to the man waiting for a moving picture sound connection. It may be conceded that many of the men who are now knocking at the gates are just as good as those who are inside but the ins are in and the mortality among them is not sufficiently high to justify extravagant hopes on the part of the waiters in ante-rooms Furthermore the introduction of student engineering courses in some of the studios the association of some of the producers with the electrical manufacturing companies and the prior rights of eligible men in other departments of moving picture companies further decrease the opportunities for immediate entrance for men whose experience has been confined to other fields In short, sound must echo the warnings issued from time to time in the older branches of the industry against blind ventures in the direction of Hollywood, where neither the climate nor the scenery nor the presence of the national heroes and heroines can compensate for the lack of a personal income

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Question: Why are the pictures I make with a color filter cut off around the edges, or darkened at the corners?—N. H. B., Houston, Tex.

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Question: How can I get fade-out and fade-in effects when I make my titles by photographing a white card with black letters direct on positive stock?—I. J. N., Philadelphia.

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Czecho Slovakia

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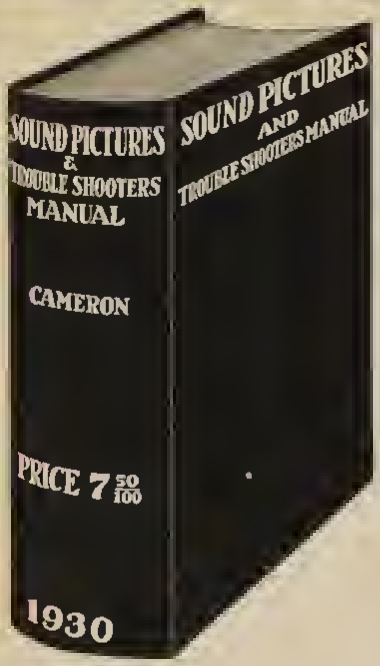

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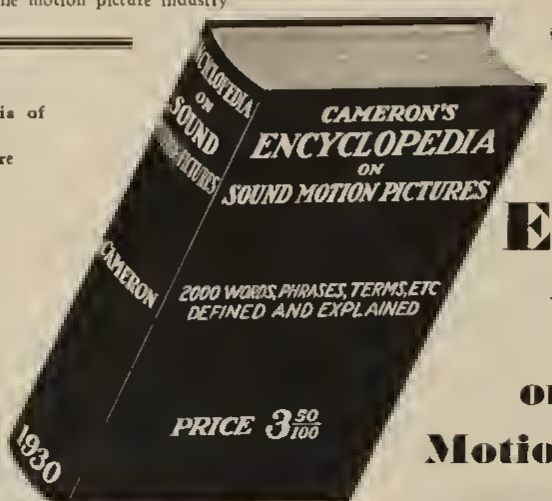

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